

Portrait of a Graduate + KHS Expectations = Kingwood Debate

Portrait of a Graduate Competencies	Dr. Nasra's Expectations and Values for KHS
<p>Communicator Effective, professional, persuasive communication is the heart of Kingwood Debate. In Kingwood Debate, it's not just what you say that matters, but how you say it. Debate is the cornerstone of democracy.</p> <p>Global Citizen Not only do Kingwood debaters research all sides of relevant global issues, we seek to provide tournament opportunities in locations that provide students with firsthand experience. In Los Angeles we debated gentrification. In Broward County, Florida, we debated gun control. In Germany, we debated the effectiveness of the EU.</p> <p>Critical Thinker and Creative Innovator Every debate resolution is an open ended problem solving opportunity for our students. Students seek creative solutions through tireless research. We debate both sides every resolution; this forces preconceived notions to be challenged and reevaluated. Good debate cases find solutions that are unique, creative, and effective.</p> <p>Leader and Collaborator Every graduating class currently at KHS, and in recent memory, have had multiple Kingwood Debaters as class officers. In fact, almost half of all class officers at KHS are debaters. Kingwood Debate is a team focused collaborative learning environment where student mentorship is not just the norm, but a great source of pride among the students.</p> <p>Personally Responsible Ethics in debate is extremely important. From the way we handle arguments to the way we communicate with our classmates and competitors, we pride ourselves on doing our very best. We have fun while working hard. Kingwood debate is an inclusive environment that draws students from all walks of life. Our students know that to be a Kingwood Debater is to be a part of a family.</p>	<p>Expectations <i>"High quality learning experience on collaborative teams"</i> Kingwood Debate offers a challenging reciprocal academic platform where students not only put into practice concepts they learn in other classes, but learn strategies and skills that are highly portable to other academic disciplines and to the real world. Students collaborate daily on teams that are structured toward mentorship.</p> <p><i>"Strong and supportive culture that promotes collaboration, creativity, and innovation."</i> Kingwood debaters know backbone of our program is creativity in thought and expression. For creativity to happen, students must believe in the safety and support of all those around them. We take risks and reward them.</p> <p>Values <i>"High academic and ethical standards"</i> Kingwood Debate has a proven track record of students gaining entrance to the nation's top schools and programs. We boast several Academic All-Americans. Every student signs an ethics agreement and willingly carries the mantle of Kingwood Debate into their other classrooms and the real world.</p> <p><i>"Compete in academic, athletic, and fine arts events."</i> Kingwood Debate encourages its students to be well-rounded individuals who seek a variety of life experiences. Kingwood Debate is the only accredited debate program in Humble ISD. No other program exists like it anywhere else in the district. Because of the unique benefit competition offers, we seek to provide as many unique opportunities to all of our students as possible. Kingwood Debate is an internationally recognized program. We boast the highest number of public school students from one school to be named to the Team USA international team. We are the 2018 World School National Champions.</p> <p><i>"Involvement with school and community."</i> Kingwood Debaters seek leadership opportunities. Many are involved in student council and almost half of all class officers are Kingwood Debaters. Our students are civic-minded and regularly volunteer in the community. Debate, by nature, is a public civic event. Every year Kingwood hosts one state level competition and one international level competition where the community is invited not just to observe, but to get involved as judges.</p>

