



## Debate Interview Process

In order to best serve the needs of our students, we would like for those interested in the MIST Academy Summer Institute (MASI) debate programs to prepare a 2-4 minute presentation on a topic of their choosing. The presentation should be an argument supporting their presentation using ideas, facts, and analysis.

Students are not expected to have a detailed understanding of well structured arguments, though any such knowledge is a plus. Much of the goal of this exercise is to identify verbal and reasoning abilities as well as the courage to take a step forward with these abilities.

Students should be prepared to present their argument verbally at the time of the interview. Having a written/typed copy of the argument and notes to turn in would also help determine each student's strengths. We would also like for students to think of several arguments against their position and be prepared to discuss those during the interview. One of the most important aspects of debate is the ability to argue for or against any position, regardless of personal opinion or feelings.

To schedule an interview, contact MIST Academy at [classes@mistacademy.com](mailto:classes@mistacademy.com) or call us at (205) 834-7514.