



**Session A: June 4<sup>th</sup>-July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Session B: July 17<sup>th</sup>-August 15<sup>th</sup>**

*The summer session is divided into two parts: Session A and Session B, with classes offered both online and in person. If a student misses a class, they can make it up by attending any grade-appropriate class listed below from either session A or B during the summer. Log on to our website to schedule a makeup class and simply put in the notes the date you are making up. When it asks for payment, choose to pay in person. The deadline for all summer makeup classes is August 22<sup>nd</sup>; they cannot be carried over into the fall semester. Please note that all classes are subject to cancellation based on enrollment numbers, with refunds provided if necessary.*

*In addition, private lessons are often in high demand in the summer therefore advance payment is required for all private lesson reservations. Lessons reserved online will remain pending until it's paid. If the lesson is not paid within three days of booking, then it will be opened up for others to book.*

*To sign up, complete the summer application at [www.academyofhigherlearning.com](http://www.academyofhigherlearning.com) and pay tuition via Venmo (Tiya-Basilio) or Zelle (neverknowntofail@aol.com) by **June 1<sup>st</sup>**.*

**Introduction to Debate Camp - Elementary, Middle School**

**In person in La Crescenta, Ca**

Session A: June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

Session B: July 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>

**3:00-5:00 PM 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00-7:00 PM 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**

Unlock your potential this summer with our introductory debate class designed for beginning debaters! Whether you're new to debate or looking to refresh your skills, this



course is perfect for you. Dive into the exciting world of Lincoln-Douglas debate, where you'll explore values and issues of morality and justice. Learn essential skills in research, philosophy, writing, and public speaking. Practice and compete with your peers as you work through an entire debate topic from start to finish. Plus, master the fundamental terminology and concepts of debate. Enroll now to sharpen your skills, boost your confidence, and prepare for a successful debate season!

**SESSION A**

\$350: June 10th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 17th

**SESSION B**

\$410: June July 8th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 19th, 20th

**Regular Debate for Middle School and High School**  
**In Person at the La Canada Community Center**  
**1:30-3:30P, 3:30-5:30P MS, 5:30-7:30P HS, Sunday**  
*[grade school to middle, middle to high school]*

Elevate your debate skills this summer with our comprehensive debate class! Whether you're a novice or looking to sharpen your expertise, this course is designed to enhance your abilities in a dynamic and supportive environment. Engage in rigorous practice sessions, explore diverse debate formats, and tackle a wide range of topics. You'll develop critical skills in research, argumentation, and public speaking while receiving personalized feedback from an experienced instructor. Compete with peers, refine your strategies, and gain confidence in your debating abilities.

**SESSION A**

**In person \$360:** June 16th, 23 July 7th, 14th, 21st

**SESSION B**

**In person \$300:** June 28th July 4th, 11th, 18th

**Topic Discussions**



**Middle School and High School**

**5:00-7:00P, Tuesday**

In this class, we will review potential Lincoln Douglas topics for the 2023-2024 school year and learn new techniques to approach them effectively. Open to all high school and upper middle school students, this course also serves as a current events class, discussing many contemporary issues and their backgrounds. It welcomes beginning, intermediate, and advanced students alike. Join us to enhance your understanding of upcoming debate topics and stay informed about current events!

**SESSION A**

**Online \$350:** June 4th, 11th, 25th July 2nd, 9th

**SESSION B**

**Online: \$410:** July 16th, 23rd, 30th August 6th, 13th, 20th

**Advanced Debate Concepts (progressive)**

**Upper Middle and High School**

**4:00-6:00P, Thursday- Session A**

In this course we will be exploring advanced debate concepts such as progressive debating, circuit debating, varsity philosophy and kritiks. We will discuss different takes on traditional debating while allowing students to get creative with new non-stock arguments. In addition, we will review advanced debate terminology to improve your students' understanding of varsity level debate.

**SESSION A**

**Online \$350:** June 13th, 27th July 11th, 8th, 25th

**SESSION B**



**Online \$290: August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd**

**Beginning Philosophy I**  
**Upper Middle and High School**  
**4:00-6:00P, Thursday**

This class is well suited for any student who is interested in learning the basic philosophy used in debate rounds. All students in their first or second year of debate will benefit greatly from going deeper into philosophies that were initially learned in orientation. Beginning philosophy is particularly helpful to those students who need additional help when debating values and criterions. We will practice how to incorporate philosophy into arguments about morality and justice.

**SESSION A**

**Online \$350: June 13th, 27th July 11th, 8th, 25th**

**Advanced Philosophy II**  
**Upper Middle and High School**  
**6:00-8:00P**

Advanced Philosophy is for any student who would like to explore more philosophy, not covered in the beginning philosophy class. This class functions as a stand alone class that can be taken out of sequence with beginning philosophy. You do not need to be an advanced student to take this class. We will do speeches, reports and projects based on philosophers not covered in the beginning section. We will learn to apply philosophy to modern day problems and events.

**SESSION B**

**Online \$470: July 11th, 18th, 25th August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd**

**Junior Debaters**



**1:30-3:30P**

This in-person class is specifically designed for 3rd to 5th grade students. We will cover basic writing, speaking, and presentation skills, as well as complete research projects to present to the class. Our junior debaters will learn the fundamental concepts of effective speaking and audience engagement through tone, intonation, anecdotes, and gestures. Additionally, students will develop their persuasion skills through one-on-one spar matches with their classmates.

**SESSION A**

**In person \$360:** June 16th, 23rd July 7th, 14th,

**SESSION B**

**In person \$360:** July 28th, August 4th, 11th, 18th

**World Schools**

**4:00-6:00P, Wednesday**

World Schools (WS) Debate is an international debate activity that is often practiced in teams against other countries. World Schools Style debating (or WSS) is a combination of the British Parliamentary and Australia-Asian debating formats, designed to meet the needs of the World Schools Debating Championships tournament. It is often done in college. This format is a combination between prepared and unprepared debate with a heavy focus on teamwork and impromptu speaking skills.

**SESSION A/B**

**Online \$470:** June 12th, 26th July 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

**Critical Writing/Critical Reading (SATs/PSATs)**



This course is booked by private lesson only. It is recommended at least *six* sessions to get a good overview. Middle-school and high-school will focus on grammar and writing skills that will be valuable in essay writing. The critical reading portion for middle-school/high school will focus on SAT reading passages. Grade-school critical reading and writing will be more along the lines of a book club style course focusing on a summer reading list and writing based on that list. The students will build their vocabulary, discuss characterization, practice literary devices, and improve on descriptive and persuasive writing. Grade-school students that will be moving to middle-school the following school year may still join the grade school section in the summer.

### College Applications

Our private lessons are tailored to help you navigate the often overwhelming and confusing college application process. With our expert guidance, you'll master the art of writing compelling essays, effectively organize your awards and extracurricular activities, and ensure every aspect of your application shines. Don't wait until the fall—start preparing now to give yourself the best chance at success.

\*\*Privates are \$45 per hour, usually booked in two hour increments. Privates are not secured or approved until it is paid for.

See calendar for private lesson schedule. Not all private lessons on the summer calendar are still available. Check for availability online at

[www.AcademyofHigherLearningInfo.com](http://www.AcademyofHigherLearningInfo.com)\*\*

### Makeup Lessons:

**August 7th**

**Elementary**  
2:00-4:00P

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**Middle school**

4:00-6:00P

**High School and Upper Middle**

6:00-8:00P

**August 14th**

**Elementary**

2:00-4:00P

**Middle school**

4:00-6:00P

**High School and Upper Middle**

6:00-8:00P