

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT STATE IE AND DEBATE 2026-2027 QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

Qualifications for State IE: berths

Designated IE Tournaments

1. Gig Harbor (top 3)
2. Auburn (top 3)
- 3.. Tahoma (top 3)
4. Auburn-Riverside (top 3)
5. UPS Finals
6. TJ/Puyallup (top 3 new "4A, top 3 new "3A")*
7. Federal Way (Top 3 new 3A, Top 4 new 4A*)

General Guidelines

- A. Tournament has 10 schools/10 open entries in event.
- B. Winner in the highest division offered (Senior/Open/Champ)
- C. Must place according to above schedule. Competitor must score a cum. of 10 or less to be considered.
- D. Each student is limited to two events. If they hold berths in more, they must choose by February 9th.
- E. Winner takes berth to state tournament. Duo must qualify as a team.
- F. At large bids—In place of a WCD tournament each team may enter 2 "at large" entries they think are deserving of state berths. All at large applicants must have competed this year in that event by Federal Way to be considered. If there are more entries than berths the person with the higher finish at the most recent tournament will receive the berth.
- G. Individual Events—Each school may not enter more than six contestants in each individual event.
- H. Total school entry is limited to a total of 36.
- I. **Events with two or less spots left after Auburn Riverside will be top 3 only.**
- J. **If the qualifier numbers are low after Riverside, we may adjust numbers**
- K. **We will adjust as needed when we get final allocations**

Qualifications for State Congress: ? berths total

This year we will use a point system similar to the one in the other debate events. Points can be earned at the 6 designated tournaments listed in the debate section. The point system will be as follows:

- 1st place: 10 points
- 2nd Place: 8 points
- 3rd Place 6 points
- 4th and 5th and top PO*: 4 points

Super Congress: 1 point

Top PO points only apply if the student doesn't finish in the top 5.

Qualifications for State Debate: ? berths for CX, LD, Worlds, and PF

We will use a point system to determine our qualifiers. At designated tournaments where there are a minimum of 10 schools and 10 open entries competitors will receive points for how they finish. In partner events the competitor must be with the same partner to earn points.

1st—10 points

2nd—8 points

Semis—6 points

Quarters—4 points

In addition if a tournament has a minimum of 30 entries and they break to Octs competitors receive 1 point.

Designated Tournaments

1. Gig Harbor
2. Auburn
3. Tahoma
4. Auburn Riverside
5. U.P.S
6. Thomas Jefferson/PUyallup
7. Federal Way

General Guidelines

- A. Only open division will count towards points.
- B. If there is a tie, it will be broken on size of tournaments.
- C. If some positions are unfilled coaches may submit an at-large bid. All applicants must have competed in 15 rounds of open/senior division this school year
- D. Results will be tracked on a google doc accessible through the district website. I will send the link out shortly..
- E. No school may have more than 2 entries in any debate event. If multiple entries from a school qualify it is up to the school to determine which of the competitors is allowed to compete at state.
- F. If a team qualifies one of the two people must compete at the state tournament. The other competitor is at the discretion of the coach.

NOTE: To be eligible for state a school must have competed in two tournaments by early December (I will email exact date). There are three categories: Congress, Individual events, Debate. For instance, if a school competes in impromptu at one tournament and IR in another that counts as two tournaments towards the total. Likewise if a school competes in one LD tournament and one PF tournament that counts for debate.