



MDL Character Contract

The debate community is a group of people who come together to compete, but also to contribute to a larger community of intellectuals and professionals. As a debater with the Milwaukee Debate League (MDL), I am now expected to contribute to, support, and behave responsibly within that community.

I will be appropriate for a learning environment in my speech, behavior, and attire.

I will respect debate by being prepared for tournaments, doing my best in school, and remaining drug free.

I will be considerate of my fellow competitors by listening to ideas and opinions. If I disagree, I will articulate that disagreement respectfully.

I will support the debate community by encouraging other debaters, preserving the space in which we debate, and celebrating the success of my fellow debaters.

I value the exchange of ideas, intellectual collaboration, and the debate experience.

As a participant in the Milwaukee Debate League (MDL), I agree that I am held to a set of expectations regarding my behavior, competition, and community mindset. I understand that if my behavior does not adhere to MDL expectations, MDL staff and coaches will take action to help me meet these expectations. I understand this could include dismissal from participating in the program.

Name (please print) School

Student Signature Date