

Proposal for West Bend West/East Forensics Co-op Team

Operating under the “two schools, one building” situation has had a major impact on student engagement and participation in Forensics for East and West High School. Many students have said to multiple coaches and peers that if they were able to compete with their friend from the opposite school in group categories, they would have gladly joined forensics. As many people know, this is often how we get incoming freshmen to join. We believe that by combining and making a unified East/West team, students will be more apt to join with their friends or past teammates from middle school.

There is precedence in having combined teams in debate for the past roughly 20 years. With declining numbers and a lack of available coaching staff, the WDCA allowed the teams from both West Bend schools to combine. We are now facing the same issues with Forensics.

Moving forward, this is what we propose/agree to in regards to this co-op:

- We would be a division 1 school based on combined enrollment.
- We will have 1 tournament on the WFCA calendar, specifically the date set aside for West Bend East (the second Saturday in February).
- We will receive one vote at membership meetings.
- We will not receive an increased number of counted entries towards team awards; it will remain at 4 per category, 25 entries total towards sweepstakes.