**Persuasive Speech Topics**

* Do schools have the right to search students’ lockers?
* Should schools require their students to wear a school uniform?
* Should students be required to take PE class every day? For one semester? At all if they play a sport?
* Should young people be subjected to curfews as a way to reduce crime?
* Is physical force (pushing, spanking, hitting) a justifiable method of punishing children?
* Should flag burning as a form of protest be prohibited?
* Is it morally acceptable to experiment on non-human animals to develop products and medicines that benefit human beings?
* Should we ban the keeping of animals in zoos or circuses?
* Should school students face mandatory drug-tests? Teachers? Random drug tests for all?
* Should assisted suicide (a doctor helping someone with a terminal illness kill themselves) be legalized?
* Should cell phone use, including texting, in cars be banned? Using a Bluetooth device?
* Should the use of performance-enhancing drugs (such as steroids) in sports be legalized?
* Should Lakeview allow gum? Soda? Vending machines?
* Should Lakeview students be required to wear lanyards at all times?
* Should recycling be mandatory?
* Should the second amendment (the right to bear arms) be changed?
* Should bicyclists be required to wear pads and helmets?
* Should standardized test scores (MAP) be used to assess students? Assess teachers? Assess schools?
* Can terrorism ever be justified?
* Should the government censor music lyrics? Television shows? Movies?
* Should cloning be legal?
* Should people under the age of 18 be treated as adults when they commit a crime?
* Should a single person be allowed to adopt a child?
* Is love more powerful than hate? Are people naturally good or evil?
* Should the wearing of shoes indoors be prohibited?
* Should people be allowed to arm their homes to extremes (i.e. land mines in front yards, moats)
* Should people without muscles be allowed to wear muscle shirts?
* Should walking require a license
* Should citizens be permitted to have more than one child?
* Should gas-powered vehicles be allowed? Should only electric or hybrid vehicles be sold?
* Should there be a law prohibiting non-teacher citizens from correcting the spelling and/or grammar of other citizens?
* Should birthdays be recognized (i.e. merit based on age rather than skill)?