

The MNUDL, a program of Augsburg University, provides academic competitive debate programming to **more than 1,400** Minnesota students.



## Programs include:

- MSHSL Debate
- Middle School Debate
- Spanish Debate League
- East African Debate
- Financial Literacy Leadership Debate
- Summer Speech & Debate Camp

## Partner Districts

- District 622
- Brooklyn Center Community Schools
- Centennial School District
- Eastern Carver County Schools
- Minneapolis Public Schools
- Prior Lake Savage Area Schools
- Robbinsdale Area Public Schools
- Roseville Area Schools
- Saint Paul Public Schools
- St. Louis Park Public School District
- Plus **six charter school partners**

## WHAT ADMINISTRATORS SAY

Christine Tucci Osorio, District 622



"Our students are learning **rigorous academic and interpersonal skills**. My only regret is that we didn't join the Debate League sooner!"

## WHAT STUDENTS SAY



"I joined debate to work on my public speaking skills and it has helped me improve by **100%**. I can tell I'm improving with every speech I give."  
- **Samira, WTMS**

## WHAT FAMILIES SAY



"My granddaughter spends time studying outside of school just because she wants to excel at debate! They enjoy it, but **they're learning so much.**"  
- Minneapolis grandparent

## WHAT TEACHERS SAY



"Kids love to argue! Often in education, kids are silenced, as if it's a weakness. In debate, they win. Debate shows the potential and possibilities within them!"  
- **Melissa Hart, SPPS Coach**

# DEBATE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE



**66% increase**  
in attendance  
compared to  
comparable peers

**6+ point**  
increase in  
average ACT score  
after debating

**12-14%**  
increase in MCA  
reading scores  
after debating

**Increased**  
advanced class  
enrollment and  
GPA for debaters

Multiple published, peer-reviewed studies from across the nation, and local MPS independent evaluations, demonstrate **students from all academic starting points benefit significantly from debating**, even after controlling for demographic variables and previous academic performance.

Learn more:  
**[bit.ly/TheDebateDifference](https://bit.ly/TheDebateDifference)**

## LAST YEAR'S INVESTMENT



We've expanded our **Spanish Debate League** and **Middle School Debate** program to these areas:

- Academia Cesar Chavez
- Brooklyn Center Middle School
- Chanhassen Middle School
- El Colegio Charter School
- FAIR (Robbinsdale)
- Plymouth Middle School
- Prodeo Academy - Frogtown
- Robbinsdale Middle School
- Sandburg Middle School

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