



Early College debate team



The Martin Luther King, Jr. Early College debate team is comprised of high school students who compete in the [Denver Urban Debate League](#), primarily in policy (cross examination) debate, but also in oratory, impromptu speaking, and dramatic interpretation.

The team, under the leadership of Coach Rachel Bruce, has a sterling record, coming in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in every tournament since 2009. The team has earned a spot at Nationals four times. Debate is free of charge.

High school students interested in joining the debate team should come talk with Mrs. Bruce in Room 216. Here are the basic criteria:

- Students must be able to commit to attending **six Saturday tournaments** (one per month starting in October).
- Students must understand that cross-examination debate is a **partnered** event: you will be competing with a fellow student.
- New students should take the **Intro to Debate class** (Period 4); it is possible to join the team without taking the class, but it's challenging.
- Students need to know that this year's national debate topic is on **government surveillance**: that's what you'll be researching all year.

Debate is a rigorous event; it's difficult, but it's fun! You will learn skills and make friendships that will last a lifetime. Come debate with us!