

Debate Club Bill Proposal

The improvement we would like to make to the school is adding a debate club. This would be an afterschool club that would be open to the middle school population and would most likely take place on Thursday afternoons directly after school. There would be someone who mediated these debates (a volunteer would most likely take this position). Current and past problems that have arisen will be debated. All these debates are to be extremely civil and respectful to both sides of a problem/argument.

Studies have shown that debating improves your confidence. This improved confidence has found to boost ACT and SAT scores, which, in turn, will give you a chance to get into a better college, and perform well there. The US Secretary of Education has talked about this activity saying that debating now and then will bring out communication, teamwork, creativity, and critical thinking skills. Public speaking is an important skill that not everyone tends to acquire in their lifetime. Confidence is very important for many things that are done, including in class, as well as in your daily life.

A possible argument against this bill would be that there would be more arguing than debating happening. A mediator- who would be an adult- would be there to make sure this problem does not arise. The mediator will also be there to ensure that people are using appropriate and respectful language so further issues do not happen. Another argument would be that if a problem did arise, the people arguing would have a disagreement outside of the club and would not be on good terms with each other. Again, the mediator will be there to ensure this does not happen. In conclusion, the debate club would be beneficial for students, not only academically, but socially.

WORKS CITED:

<https://www.albany.edu/faculty/vanness/481NEW/Debates.pdf>