

# WHAT EXACTLY IS FREE SPEECH THE MOVEMENT?

- Free Speech the Movement empowers children in elementary and middle schools to grow through debate.
- Students from an array of schools research, collaborate, build arguments and, most importantly, debate a specific, controversial topic.
- With minimal guidance from teachers, students are expected to work with each other to construct an opening and closing statement. Questions and a rebuttle statement are made in response to the other team's arguments.
- On tournament day, students from different schools compete against each other to prove that their side of the argument is the side to support.
- Teams and students that do exceptionally well receive trophies as recognition for their hard work and successful efforts.



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## WHO WE SERVE

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Metro Nashville Schools

### **CURRENT PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:**

Antioch Middle; Eagle View; East and Stratford  
STEM Magnet; Glendale; Glengarry;  
Goodlettsville; Granbery; Hermitage; Hunters  
Lane; JT Moore; Julia Green; Kipp; Lakeview;  
Lipscomb academy; Lockeland; Madison middle;  
McKissack middle; Norman binkley; Oliver;  
Schwab; Tulip grove; Valor



# FREE SPEECH THE MOVEMENT

ENHANCING THE LIVES OF KIDS ONE DEBATE AT A TIME

## OUR VALUES

**Critical thinking:** By researching + synthesizing information and forming an argument, students become better critical thinkers.

**Communication:** By collaborating with classmates + teachers and conveying arguments during tournaments, students improve their communication skills.

**Organization:** Through the process of organizing thoughts, information, and notes to develop a coherent argument, organization skills are enhanced.

## QUOTES FROM FSTM

"My students become sure of themselves and confident in their opinions while conducting conversations, both within the debate and in their classrooms or daily life."

- Emma Poppe

"Within Free Speech, students are given the opportunity to develop skills over the course of the year, and their confidence and skillset at the end of the year grows dramatically."

-Angel Carter

"FStM is challenging, powerful and rewarding."

- Leo Castillo

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WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES THROUGH DEBATE

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