



WHY DEBATE?

Students who participate in MNUDL become engaged learners, critical thinkers, and effective advocates for themselves and their communities.

Encourage your student to join debate today!

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

MNUDL debaters surpass their peers in academic achievement. Debaters are 75% more likely to enjoy and engage in class. Debaters have a 12-14% increase in MCA scores. MNUDL prepares students for success after high school, with an average **6+ point ACT score increase** and **99% of graduates being accepted into college.**

BUILD CONFIDENCE & LIFE SKILLS

Debate builds confidence, allowing students to envision themselves as successful scholars & leaders. This positive self-image, along with debate skills like problem-solving, critical thinking, communication, confidence, creativity, and collaboration, empowers debaters to make change in the wider world.

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

MNUDL debaters gain a safe, supportive home for students as they integrate into a new high school. **Debaters form lifelong friendships through teamwork and gain the confidence needed to make new friends.** One MNUDL debater states it best: *"I found a family within my debate team."*

—Goachy Y., Patrick Henry High School

EARN SCHOLARSHIPS

MNUDL debaters can receive the Augsburg Promise Scholarship which covers the entire cost of tuition to Augsburg University.

First-year students will receive the total cost of tuition if they meet the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher
- ACT score of 20 or higher
- Pell Grant eligible
- Debate for 2 or more years for a MNUDL partner high school

Former MNUDL debaters have also qualified for full ride scholarships to universities all over the country including Emory University (Atlanta, GA) and Concordia College (Moorhead, MN).

MNUDL debaters have also received substantial scholarships to universities including Columbia University (New York), University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY), and the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities.