



## The English-Speaking Union

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### Please join us for a Public Debate by our Middle School Debate Leagues



**Wednesday, May 21**  
**4:30 - 6:00 PM**

**The Morgan Library & Museum**  
**Gilder Lehrman Hall**

**225 Madison Avenue at 36th Street**

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Debate topic: In the case of the United States government, transparency is more important than security.

#### **The ESU Middle School Debate Program**

The ESU Middle School Debate Program was launched in 2010 with a Chairman's Grant from National Endowment for the Humanities. It initiated our partnership with Claremont McKenna College's Middle School Public Debate Program (MSPDP), the premier program for debate for students ages 10 to 14, with more than ten years of experience in the field.

Many middle schools do not have academic extracurricular programs, according to research by Claremont McKenna College. Yet, experts point out that middle school is often the last chance to reach students who have been classified as "at risk" effectively. The ESU Middle School Debate Program is specifically tailored to develop vital academic skills for all adolescents in this age group — listening and thinking, speaking, research, and note-taking. Debate is also a perfect fit for the Common Core Learning Standards with emphasis on comprehension and collaborations as well as presentation of knowledge and ideas.

Most importantly, this program builds oral literacy and multi-media research skills, fosters critical thinking and expanded perspectives, enhances public speaking ability, increases confidence, supports diverse learners and strengthens civic engagement and discourse, preparing students for success in high school and beyond.

We serve a blend of public, charter and independent schools in New York City boroughs and Westchester County.

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to the Debate and  
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**The New York and Big Apples Debate Leagues are organized  
by the English-Speaking Union and  
Claremont McKenna College's Middle School Public Debate Program.**

## **2013-2014 Academic Year**

### **New York Debate League Participating Schools**

The Dalton School

Hackley School

The Hunter College Campus Schools

St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School

Success Academy Harlem East Middle School

Success Academy Harlem West Middle School

### **Big Apple Debate League Participating Schools**

The British International School of New York

Dwight School

East New York Middle School of Excellence

Dr. Lena Edwards Academic Charter School

Explore Charter School

New York City Lab Middle School

The Nightingale Bamford School

The Speyer Legacy School



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