

MSA – Debate Brainstorming Sheet

Theme	Debate Question Ideas
Community	What do you think is most highly valued in our school community? What is a theme song that best describes the school community? What does it mean to be a good citizen? What school issues most concern you?
Acceptance	Does the school offer enough opportunities for all students? For a group or team to be accepting or all, what individual characteristics do team members need?
Upstander/Hi B	Is it fair to expect all students to be upstanders, or should individual differences and circumstances be considered? Is it always better to be an upstander rather than a bystander in every situation? Why or why not? How can technology and social media be used to promote upstander behavior among students? Are there any risks associated with this?
Conflict Resolution	How do you deal with your jealousy of others when they've accomplished something you wish you had done? What someone has made a mistake, what should they do to fix the situation; are your expectations different for different kinds of mistakes?
Self-Discipline	When people meet you for the first time, what do you want them to think of you? What do you do when you are confused about what is right or wrong? Is reputation important to you? Why?
Peer Pressure	In your opinion, how do you think students should interact with each other? What characteristics demonstrate the best leadership within a peer group your age?
Emotional Regulation	Should leaders always be expected to control their emotions in public? What role do emotions play in how a person leads?
Stress Management	Is it easy or difficult for you to admit when you need help from others? How do you go about taking risks; is it good to take risks?
Gratitude	How can you show your appreciation for those who help you succeed? What inspires you to consider someone a hero?