



SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

WE THE PEOPLE: THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION

We The People: The Citizen and the Constitution promotes civic knowledge and engagement among upper elementary and secondary students. Utilizing innovative materials developed by the Center for Civic Education, an entire class works in cooperative teams to prepare and present statements on six units before a panel of judges acting as a congressional committee at the state-level We The People competition. During the simulated hearings, students are judged on the following criteria: understanding, constitutional application, reasoning, supporting evidence, responsiveness, and participation. The Connecticut Democracy Center sponsors the Connecticut affiliate of We The People.

CONNECTICUT DEMOCRACY CENTER DEBATE TOURNAMENT

The Connecticut Democracy Center Debate Tournament hosts competitive interscholastic team policy debate tournaments for middle and high school students focused on a Connecticut topic. While participants receive preliminary resources, they are encouraged to conduct additional research. They use their research to develop negative and affirmative arguments, learn to cross-examine their opposition, and listen attentively to rebut their opponent's arguments. Participation in CTDC Debate improves students' public speaking skills, ability to analyze issues and resources, and expertise in using evidence to support arguments.

Recognition (\$500 value)

Below are the benefits for Community Partner levels with Premier Recognition or Standard Recognition at our Secondary Education Programs:

- Acknowledgement and special thanks during the program introduction and awards ceremony during the final competition.
- Listing within program materials to be distributed at the final competition.
- Listing on the program website as a proud supporter.
- Recognition on our social media in the lead-up and follow-up of each secondary education program.

