

# DEVELOPING LITERACY AND ADVOCACY THROUGH DEBATE

## ABOUT DR. CRYSTAL R. ARYITEY:

Dr. Crystal R. Aryitey is an accomplished educator, curriculum developer, and researcher dedicated to empowering youth and educators. In 2019, she founded Destiny Driven Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that utilizes debate as a transformative tool to help youth develop effective communication skills, critical thinking, and conflict resolution. Through her innovative approach, Dr. Aryitey provides real-life tools that inspire students to excel academically and beyond.



### DEBATE INTEGRATION:

LEARN HOW TO USE DEBATE TECHNIQUES TO DEVELOP CRITICAL THINKING AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN STUDENTS.

### SELF-ADVOCACY AND CIVIL DISCOURSE:

EQUIP STUDENTS WITH THE TOOLS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES EFFECTIVELY AND RESPECTFULLY.

### STUDENT-CENTERED STRATEGIES:

BUILD AN ENGAGING AND INCLUSIVE CLASSROOM CULTURE WHERE EVERY STUDENT THRIVES.

### TEST PREPARATION SKILLS:

STRATEGIES TO HELP STUDENTS DEVELOP PROBLEM-SOLVING ABILITIES ESSENTIAL FOR STANDARDIZED TESTING SUCCESS.

## WHAT PARTICIPANTS ARE SAYING:

“THIS TRAINING COMPLETELY TRANSFORMED HOW I APPROACH TEACHING CRITICAL THINKING. MY STUDENTS ARE MORE ENGAGED, CONFIDENT, AND WILLING TO EXPRESS THEIR IDEAS.”

— JASMINE R., MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER

“I LOVED HOW PRACTICAL AND INTERACTIVE THE SESSIONS WERE. THE STAFF WAS IMMEDIATELY ENGAGED AND THE STRATEGIES WE LEARNED HAVE MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN HOW WE CONNECT WITH OUR STUDENTS.”

— JULIAN., QUALITY LIFE CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“INCORPORATING DEBATE HAS OPENED A NEW WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS. IT’S MORE THAN A SKILL—IT’S A MINDSET.”

— SARAH L., PROGRAM COORDINATOR