

Philosophy and Ethics Program for Seattle High Schools



Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization (PLATO) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to nurturing students' curiosity, critical thinking, and desire to explore big questions through philosophy and ethics programs for students, educators, and families.

PLATO philosophy instructors are available, **at no charge to Seattle Public Schools**, to lead one or more sessions on ethics or philosophical questions that arise in the high school curriculum. These sessions are structured to reveal deep questions about the discipline and to further engage students with the material. No experience with philosophy required.

PLATO, which is affiliated with the University of Washington Department of Philosophy, runs the Washington State High School Ethics Bowl and has long been engaged in the Seattle Public Schools.

Our mission is based on the conviction that philosophy helps students express their own ideas and questions confidently and well. We serve thousands of students, teachers, and community members nationally and internationally each year.



For example, we offer sessions on:

- The nature of knowledge
- Justice and fairness
- The meaning of infinity
- Climate Justice
- The relationship between facts and values
- The aims of science
- Animal ethics
- The nature of law

...and any other topic that aligns with a classroom unit.

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