AllSides For Schools delivers online and in-class programs for healthy communication and understanding of diverse perspectives to foster dialog, collaboration and critical thought.

- Grades: 6-12 and college
- Standards: Addresses Common Core and state standards for 6 – 12th grades. Ideal for Language Arts, Communications and Social Sciences (including History and Civics).
- Cost: Free non-profit pilot program

Objectives
Teach students how to consider and discuss topics with respect and reason so that they can make better decisions and build a more civil society and a better America. To do this, we:

- Foster skills in communication, collaboration and critical thinking that meet and exceed education standards, preparing students for their civic, work and personal lives
- Train students to have civil conversations, seek diverse views and people, and rationally consider multiple options so they can appreciate each other and make good decisions
- Increase and improve participation in our democracy by teaching students how to respectfully discuss today’s political issues.

Students will
- Learn how to respectfully engage with others, listen actively and have a respectful conversation with an appreciation of multiple perspectives and our common humanity
- Build skills for critical thought, productive collaboration and civil communication through structured discussions of civic and other issues
- Become aware of bias and filter bubbles, how to break through them, and the danger of the ignorance, hyper-polarization and social divisions these can propagate
- Be prepared to participate in our democracy as voters and in their communities.

Teachers get
- Tools, lesson plans and assessments that meet educational standards for critical thinking, collaboration and communication
- The ability to discuss controversial topics, whether in news, politics, or the school community, in a civil and balanced way that respects all people
- A school community with more mutual respect and appreciation that can more easily and effectively work together.

Society benefits from
- A more civically engaged population less vulnerable to manipulation by central authorities, powerful organizations, and social groups
- A generation more capable of handling complexity and making good decisions for themselves and for society in general
- Push back against hyperpolarization and divisiveness in media, social networks and by politicians as students, teachers and parents demand better

Learn more or sign up at AllSides.com/schools or contact Lucy Pinto at lucy@allsides.com
Overview of Online Program

News Every Day:
Multiple angles on same story, plus the top stories from the left, center and right.

Issues: Get background and perspectives from across the spectrum.

Search the web and filter by bias to get the whole story, not just the most popular or best-advertised links.

Bias Ratings: Measure your own bias, compare with others, and rate the bias of publications and writers.
Civil Conversation – in class, at home:
Effective dialog starts with establishing respect for each other, setting guidelines, and finding common ground. We provide the teacher with a process for the classroom, and provide everyone the tools to take it home with them.

Civil Conversation – online:
Students view pros and cons, adopting or adding points they find most important or persuasive.

Tests show that this increases listening and consideration of contrary views.

Students can then share and discuss with the class, learning how to collaborate, listen to others, and think critically.

Teacher & Student Pages, Diverse Dialogs:
Teachers and students use their own pages to clip, organize and share – great for research, collaboration and guiding the class.

Students can also start dialogs with others in their class or classes across the country with their teacher’s permission.