

**Algebra Requirement Debates**

**Implementation Plan**

**Debatable Issue: Should Algebra be a high school graduation requirement?**

**Day 1**

**Introduce the full project.**

**Introduce the SPAR Debate format, and the topic and issue that will be debated in class.**

**Distribute argument building models, counter-argument model, and blank argument builders.**

**Review the models for argument building and flowing for SPAR Debates.**

**Orient students on algebra requirement.**

**Day 2**

**Distribute video annotator model and blank video annotator.**

**Show videos from the Media List.**

**Share-out annotations and discuss possible claims.**

**Lead additional argumentative claim creation.**

**Day 3**

**Divide the class into four groups, two per side.**

**Identify a group leader, who will assign speaking roles.**

**Distribute Media List article packet.**

**Read and gather evidence from the Media List articles.**

**Build arguments and counter-arguments.**

**Day 4**

**Continue evidence gathering and argument/counter-argument building.**

**Check in on argument and counter-argument building, showcasing and**

**critiquing student work.**

**Day 5**

**Complete argument and counter-argument building.**

**Review SPAR format and SPAR Debate model.**

**Finalize preparations for the SPAR Debates.**

**Day 6**

**Conduct SPAR Debates.**

**Observing students can be judging the debates.**