

CANADIAN HIGH SCHOOL ETHICS BOWL

Ethics Bowl | Coupe éthique

A new opportunity for students to learn and practice the skills they need as global citizens.

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For information, see:

www.ethicsbowl.ca



What is an Ethics Bowl?

An Ethics Bowl is both a collaborative and competitive event, where teams of students analyze and discuss ethical dilemmas. They imagine, criticize, and compare bold strategies, and may even amend their original positions when faced with convincing arguments. Students have opportunities to pose and respond to probing questions, which results in a deepening awareness of the stakes and principles that animate the discussion.



Why an Ethics Bowl?

The unique, collegial dynamic of an Ethics Bowl encourages students to teach and learn from one another as they take part in courageous conversations about ethical issues. This process emphasizes the skills of communication and collaboration: critical thinking, active listening, articulation and expression, open-mindedness, and respectful dialogue and disagreement. Students engage actively with peers as they share diverse views, challenge ideas and assumptions, and deepen understandings.

Two videos produced by UNC Chapel Hill about the US version:

[National High School Ethics Bowl 2018](#)

[National High School Ethics Bowl 2017](#)

Why an ethics bowl in BC?

BC's new curriculum revolves around:

CORE COMPETENCIES

C **Communication**

1. Share and develop ideas
2. Obtain, interpret, and present information
3. Work together to plan, carry out, and review tasks and activities
4. Describe/recall and reflect on experiences and what one can do

T **Creative Thinking**

1. Novelty and value
2. Generating ideas
3. Developing ideas

T **Critical Thinking**

1. Analyze and critique
2. Question and investigate
3. Develop and design

PS **Positive Personal & Cultural Identity**

1. Relationship and cultural contexts
2. Personal values and choice
3. Personal strengths and abilities

PS **Social Responsibility**

1. Contributing to community and caring for the environment
2. Solving problems in peaceful ways
3. Valuing diversity
4. Building Relationships

PS **Personal Awareness & Responsibility**

1. Self-determination
2. Self-regulation
3. Well-being

To which core competency is the Ethics Bowl relevant?



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SFU is BC's **engaged university**. As others in the K-12 system do, the **Philosophy** department is proud to “develop the ability of students to analyze critically, reason and think independently, and acquire basic learning skills and bodies of knowledge; to develop in students a lifelong appreciation of learning, a curiosity about the world around them and a capacity for creative thought and expression,” as stated in BC’s mandate for the school system.

The Ethics Bowl is our way to do our part.

How to get a team started?

1. Check out the Ethics Bowl website:

ethicsbowl.ca

2. Signal your intent to organize a team to Nic Fillion at nfillion@sfu.ca.

3. A meeting (online or in person) with local organizers will take place in Fall 2019.

4. Teams are assembled. Cases are distributed, and team preparation is on the way!

5. Local events to allow participants to hone their skills will be organized at the various SFU campuses.

6. Regional championship at SFU. Finalists go to the National in Winnipeg.





Congratulations to the 2019 winners, **Sands Secondary** (led by Mr. Jamieson), and to the finalists, **Ideal Mini School** (led by Mr. Bodnar).

Here, we see the two teams gathered in Winnipeg on the eve of the National. [This year, this could be you!](#)