



Students Together Opposing Prejudice

S.T.O.P. is a youth **education and leadership initiative**. The program is a seven-week curriculum, targeted to **middle school students**. The sessions take place in participating houses of worship and other organizations.



"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."

~ Nelson Mandela

Through short teachings at the start of each session, students have the opportunity to learn and appreciate the similarities and differences among each other. Each session is individually designed, highly interactive, fun and is led primarily by trained high school facilitators who have graduated from the program.

Sessions are held weekly, on Thursdays, from 6pm to 8:15pm, starting with a pizza dinner and socializing for the first half hour, so the students are able to get to know each other informally.

2018 S.T.O.P. Sessions:
February 1, 8 and 15
March 1, 8, 15 and 22
(Snow date: March 29)
Celebration: April 5

Our goals:

- **Heighten student awareness concerning issues of prejudice and discrimination of all types**
- **Give students positive and constructive strategies to confront prejudice and discrimination**
- **Develop and affirm student leadership skills**
- **Create meaningful connections among students from different backgrounds and walks of life**

S.T.O.P. addresses all forms of discrimination and prejudice, including prejudice based on race, gender, sexual orientation, physical appearance, class, disability, background and religion. Traditionally, sessions are held in houses of worship to give the participants an opportunity to learn about different beliefs, besides their own, but non-religious organizations are also involved.

We ask for a \$25 contribution to cover our basic costs (copies, supplies, pizza...). It helps fund the resources we need to make sure the program continues. Financial assistance is available.



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