

= Baltimore Urban Debate League =

The Baltimore Urban Debate League (BUDL , pronounced " boodle ") , is an American , non profit , urban debate league that aims to educate and mentor inner city middle school and high school students in the Baltimore , Maryland area . The league was started in 1999 by a grant from the Fund for Educational Excellence in collaboration with George Soros ' Open Society Institute . Eight high schools and 90 students participated in the first year .

= = Debate format = =

= = = High school = = =

At the high school level , students debate according to policy debate guidelines . Each season one resolution is established by the National Forensic League and National Catholic Forensic League . There are three divisions on the high school level : novice , junior varsity (JV) , and varsity . The three divisions have the same timing conventions for debate rounds , the only exception being preparation time (novice get ten minutes , JV and varsity get five minutes) .