

CIVIL DISCOURSE FRAMEWORK

DEVELOPING & MEASURING DURABLE SKILLS



Today's students need more than knowledge—they need the skills to **think critically, communicate across differences, evaluate information, and engage meaningfully with the world around them.** As government, technology, media, and current events increasingly shape every aspect of our lives, schools have a vital opportunity to prepare young people to navigate complexity with curiosity, discernment, and confidence. Close Up's Civil Discourse Framework moves civic education beyond memorizing facts to **building the durable skills and competencies students need to succeed in college, thrive in the workplace, and contribute as informed, engaged citizens.**

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Close Up's Civil Discourse Framework equips high school students with the skills they need to navigate an increasingly complex civic and digital landscape. The Framework is organized around three core domains:

- **Analyzing Social & Political Issues**
- **Communicating Across Difference**
- **Digital & Media Literacy**

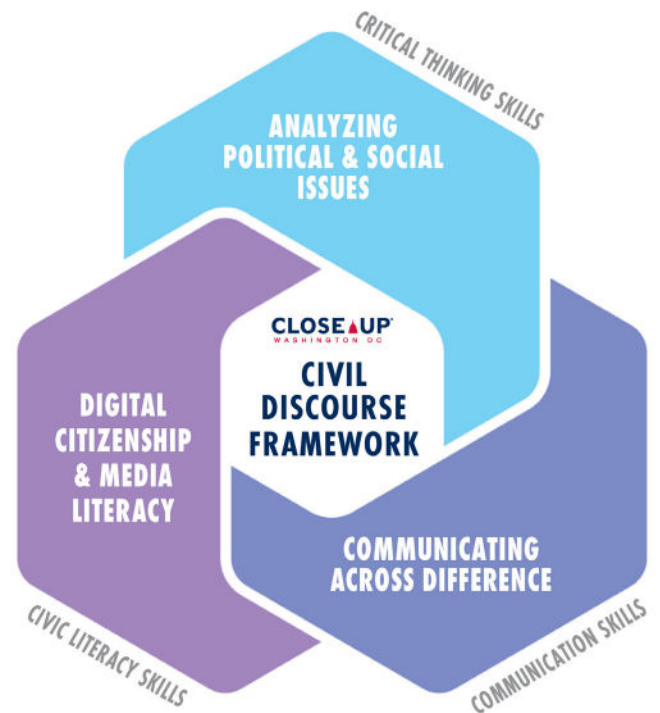
Through lessons, activities, discussions, and authentic experiences, students develop essential durable skills—including **critical thinking, communication, media and AI literacy, perspective-taking, and constructive civic engagement.**

IMPLEMENTING THE FRAMEWORK

The Civil Discourse Framework fits naturally into what schools already do aligning with a school's **Portrait of a Graduate, AP Government, US History, Civics,** and the **C3 Framework.** It easily integrates across the 9-12 curriculum and flexibly into advisory, electives, independent study, or a club. Students, in turn, gain skills and credentials they can highlight on college applications and resumes.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- **3-hour Civil Discourse Framework Training:** In-person or online professional learning for educators.
- **Monthly Community of Practice:** Connect and collaborate with teachers implementing civil discourse across the country.
- **1:1 Office Hours & Coaching:** Personalized support to help educators implement the Framework effectively.
- **1-Year Curriculum Library Access:** Full access to Close Up's Civil Discourse lesson plans, rubrics, assessments, and capstone projects.
- **Student Credentialing Through Mastery.org:** Students can work toward a Civil Discourse credential and build a verified learning record that can be shared with colleges and universities.



Earn a credential in one or two domains, or complete all three to receive the comprehensive Civil Discourse Credential!

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