

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPEECH TOPIC 2024-2025

Should schools ban plastic water bottles to reduce environmental waste?

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TITLE	LINK	DESCRIPTION
Single-use Plastic Ban Pro/Con	https://www.britannica.com/procon/single-use-plastics-debate	When plastic was first invented, it was praised as the savior for natural materials such as ivory and tortoise shell. Now single-use plastic has taken a significant toll on the environment, and many support a complete ban.
Why Ban Single-use Plastic Bottles	https://www.greenpeace.org/aotearoa/story/the-urgent-need-to-ban-single-use-plastic-bottles/	Single-use plastic bottles have wreaked havoc on our environment. Here's why they should be banned.
MBUSD eliminates the sale of Single use plastic water bottles	https://easyreadernews.com/mbusd-eliminates-the-sale-of-single-use-plastic-water-bottles/	One school district has taken great measures to eliminate single use plastic in school by offering boxes water rather than bottled.
Public School Reliance on Plastic Harms Students' Health and the Environment	https://tinyurl.com/32sntfhc	
Would Banning Plastic bottles help or hurt the planet?	https://tinyurl.com/3uwhrppn	Plastic bottles are EVERYWHERE and are a big source of pollution. But banning them might create another problem for the environment.
Rosedale Union School District pauses controversial water bottle ban amid parent concerns	https://tinyurl.com/yc49kmst	After a student was assaulted with a metal Stanley water bottle, Rosedale USD moves to ban all metal and glass water containers, requiring students to use plastic
Reusable water bottles have more bacteria on them than dog bowls and toilet seats	https://tinyurl.com/4vrn2nft	A survey found that more bacteria is lingering on your reusable water bottles than can usually be found on a toilet seat.

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Can your reusable water bottle make you sick?	https://tinyurl.com/4z4t4tbk	While environmentally friendly, reusable water bottles can harbor bacteria and mold, causing health problems
One Bottle at a Time	https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/one-bottle-time/	Single-use plastic bottles take a toll on the environment– especially the oceans.
Hidden Hazards: The Chemical Footprint of a Plastic Bottle	https://defendourhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/FINAL-DOH-Plastic-Bottles-Report_7.11.2023.pdf	
	https://storyworks.scholastic.com/issues/2018-19/020119/Water-Bottles-Handy-or-Harmful.html?language=english#800L-900L	
The Great Pacific Garbage Patch can be Cleaned for \$7.5 Billion	https://theoceancleanup.com/press/press-releases/the-great-pacific-garbage-patch-can-be-cleaned-for-7-5-billion/	
Cleaning up Plastic Pollution: What Works?	https://plasticscircularity.org/?resource=s=cleaning-up-plastic-pollution-what-works	

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VIDEO LINKS		
Oil and Gas Companies sued over alleged false claims of plastic recyclability	https://tinyurl.com/3anybvxt	
How a plastic water bottle ban backfired	https://tinyurl.com/5ytuyzm3	
Would banning plastic bottles help or hurt the planet?	https://tinyurl.com/3v67aut7	
Rosedale Union School District Passes controversial water bottle ban	https://tinyurl.com/4ek5yfhc	After a student was assaulted with a metal Stanley water bottle, Rosedale USD moves to ban all metal and glass water containers, requiring students to use plastic

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