

# Benefits of Students attending the Human Rights Academy



**"It's crucial to provide opportunities for youth to explore, understand and advocate for social justice. We are the ones to make change now and in the future."**

– Ayesha Shafi, Student Advisor to the Human Rights Advisory Commission

For the past fifteen years, the Barnstable County Human Rights Advisory Commission has held the Human Rights Academy twice yearly to ensure and protect the rights of those who reside, work, worship, and play on Cape Cod.



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Student leaders develop their public speaking skills.



Students have thoughtful conversations about important civic issues.



Deeper learning happens when students are exposed to relevant real-world examples.



## Human Rights Academy Overview

- 140+ students from 12 schools across the Cape.
- Programming for high school and middle grades.
- Featured speakers on human rights themes.
- Opportunities for cross-school discussions and creativity.
- Planning, implementing, and sharing of student club human rights project
- Leadership opportunities for students.
- Real-world impact created through student project.



**Join us for the next Human Rights Academy events!**



**THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "I IS FOR INCLUSION"**  
FALL DATE: OCTOBER 24  
SPRING DATE TBD