

Guideline for Chamber Assignments in High School Legislative Program

Farabee Senate: Chamber is limited solely to 11th and 12th graders with previous Legislative experience. Experienced 12th graders have precedence.

62 seats

House of Representatives: Chamber is primarily for 10th and 11th graders with previous Legislative experience. If seats are available based on district allotment, outstanding 9th graders with JYG experience can be moved up at the discretion of their District Directors in consultation with the State Office. 12th graders who have no Legislative experience but have debate experience should be assigned to House.

150 seats

Hyde Senate: Chamber will be added if Legislative delegates fill all available seats in Hyde House, House, and Senate. It is primarily for first-year 10th and 11th grade students (or those who have limited Legislative experience) and possibly for 9th grade students with JYG experience.

62 seats

Hyde House: Primarily for first-year 9th or 10th grade Legislative students. Most 9th grade students with JYG experience will remain in Hyde House unless their District Director approves moving them to Hyde Senate or the House based on their experience, debating skills, and the availability of seats.

75 seats

- District Directors should place their students in appropriate chambers based on the allotments given per chamber for their districts.
- In addition, District Directors should make an alternate list of students who should first be moved up to higher chambers if seats become available due to drops or other changes.
- A request for a move must be communicated to the State Office or other designated individuals. Before informing a student of a move, the District Director should receive confirmation that the move has been made/approved by the State Office.
- If any district cannot fill its allotment with students who qualify for a chamber, the State Office or designated individuals should be notified and that seat given to another district with a waiting list for the chamber. For example, if District A is allotted 12 Senate seats and that district ends up with only 10 experienced 11th or 12th graders to fill those seats, the State Office will open those seats to another district to fill with the most qualified students on their Senate alternate list.
- Prior Legislative experience did not necessarily have to occur through Texas YG. Activities like Model UN may be considered.