

Guidelines for Chamber Assignments in High School Legislative Program

Please use the guidelines below to determine placement of Legislative Students:

Farabee Senate: This chamber is limited solely to 11th and 12th graders with previous Legislative experience. Experienced 12th graders have precedence. **62 seats available at State Conference**

House of Representatives: This Chamber is primarily for 10th and 11th graders with one or more year experience in Legislative section. **150 seats available at State Conference**

**12th graders who have no Legislative experience but have debate experience should be assigned to House.

**If open seats are available after filling with experienced 10th/11th graders, and new 12th graders then, outstanding 9th graders with 2 yrs JYG Legislative experience can be moved up at the discretion of their District Directors in consultation with the State Office.

Hyde Senate: This Chamber is primarily for first-year 10th and 11th grade students (or those who have limited to no Legislative experience) and possibly for 9th grade students with JYG experience. This Chamber is added at State Conference only if Legislative delegates fill all available seats in House, Senate and Hyde House. **72 seats available at State Conference**

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 a District Director approves move to Hyde Senate or House based on experience, debate skills, and available seats. **85 seats available at State Conference**

- District Directors should place 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 be next in line to move 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.