



## Guidelines for Chamber Assignments in Middle School Legislative Program

*All students must generate bills to participate. Returning students must write new bills.*

**Senate:** Delegates in Senate are 8th graders who have participated in the Legislative program, those with two years of experience have priority. Returning Junior YG Delegates will generate new bill, different from bill they submitted in previous year. **62 seats available at State Conference**

**House of Representatives:** Delegates in this chamber are only 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders with previous Legislative experience. **150 seats available at State Conference**

**Duran Senate:** Delegates in this chamber have limited Legislative experience. Primarily first-year 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This chamber is added if Legislative delegates fill all available seats in Duran House, House, and Senate. **62 seats available at State Conference**

**Duran House:** Delegates in this chamber are students that have little to no Legislative experience; first-year Legislative students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. **75 seats at State Conference**

**Duran Council:** Chamber exclusively for all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. **150 seats available at State Conference**

- 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.