



Memo: 2020 Legislative Updates for VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Please note: Changes made in consultation with District Directors, Section Leaders, and the State Office. Updated Legislative Documents apply only to the 2020-2021 Virtual District and State Conferences.

- The Legislative forms on the website are designed for an in-person conference. Most are still applicable and should be used as a resource/reference only for Choosing a Bill Topic, the Bill Writing Worksheet and Bill Samples. DO NOT FOLLOW THE DEBATE TIMING IN THE LEGISLATIVE MANUAL OR LEGISLATIVE BASICS.
- A VIRTUAL LEGISLATIVE PACKET has been posted for delegates to learn and follow for this year's DISTRICT AND STATE Conferences. In the packet are guidelines for:
 - Hearing Committee Debate Timing and Procedures
 - Floor Debate Timing and Procedures
 - Chairperson/Clerk Procedures and Scripts
- **RETURNING STUDENTS NOTE: HEARING COMMITTEE AND FLOOR DEBATE TIMING are updated for a virtual setting. DO NOT FOLLOW previous year guidelines for debate.**
- **Students and Advisors Please note: Amendments, Point of Inquiry, and most motions will not be in order at District and State Conference**
- DO FOLLOW Guidelines for Chamber Assignments to understand best placement for all Legislative Students. The criteria for each chamber includes grade level and experience.
 - District Directors, Section Leader and State Office will be consulted before moving students who present exceptions to the guidelines to Farabee Senate or the House.
- Banned Topics have been updated to reflect legislation passed during the 2020 State Conferences and cover both High School (seven bills) and Middle School (two bills).
- Middle School Reminder: bills presented in the JYG Duran House, Duran Senate, and Duran Council may have up to two authors while all other bills in the House and Senate can only have one author unless exceptions are cleared by the State Director, District Directors, and/or Legislative Section Leaders.
- All Bills need to be SUBMITTED BEFORE YOUR DISTRICT CONFERENCE (check with your District for submission date). Submit as a word document to the appropriate bill link for your District and save with the following scheme BEFORE you upload. This will help us identify student bills:
****Students must save and submit proposal with the following file name: Last Name__First Name__School Name__YGDistrict (e.g. Smith_John_Austin High_Austin)**
- **If Bills are revised after District Conference, all revised High School & Middle School bills are due to State Office no later than December 21, 2020.**
- All YG Clubs with at least 12 Legislative members will submit one Chair/Clerk team for District Conference. Clubs with fewer than 12 Legislative members are welcome to submit chair/clerk teams. The top 6 Chair/Clerk teams from District will be considered to serve as Chair/Clerk at State Conference.