



## Memo: 2021 Legislative Updates and Reminders

Please note: As we return to in person programs, we have reverted to our procedures and guidelines aligned with in person debate. All references and changes made for virtual conferences are no longer applicable. Updates to Legislative section documents are made in consultation with District Directors, Section Leaders, and the State Office.

- Participants and Club Advisors, please review guidelines for Chamber Assignments to understand best placement for all Legislative Students. There are specific criteria based on experience and grade level.
  - [YG Guidelines for Chamber Assignments \(High School\)](#)
  - [YG Guidelines for Chamber Assignments \(Middle School\)](#)
  - Before moving students who present exceptions to the guidelines for Farabee Senate or the House requires approval by District Directors, Section Leader and State Office.
- Banned Topics have been updated to reflect legislation passed during the 2021 State Conferences and cover both High School (ten bills) and Middle School (four bills).
- Middle School Reminder: bills presented in JYG Duran House, Duran Senate, and Duran Council may have up to two authors. Bills in the House and Senate may only have one author; exceptions must be cleared by State Director, District Directors, and/or Section Leaders.
- **Deadlines:** All Bills shall be SUBMITTED BEFORE YOUR DISTRICT CONFERENCE (dates vary per District) Save a WORD DOCUMENT (Do not send google document links or PDF's) format below **Student Last Name \_\_ First Name \_\_ School Name \_\_ District (e.g. Smith\_ John \_ Austin High \_ Austin)**
- **After District Conferences, bill revisions must be submitted to State Office by December 20, 2021.**
  - Hearing Committee Debate timing format should reviewed as you prepare for the debate process. During the Amendment period, a maximum of two total amendments are allowed during debate. \*\*There are no amendments to the amendments allowed.
- The Legislative Basics 6<sup>th</sup> Edition has been updated on page 6 to include description of how bills are placed on the calendar. Additionally, the hearing committee scripts beginning on page 22 have been modified to reflect new timing.
- Chair/Clerk team requirement: 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 have the opportunity to chair/clerk at State Conference if space is.
- Students shall also serve in numerous Appointed Positions during Floor Debate. Some positions will still be required to present their bill at State, please review descriptions <https://ymcatexasyg.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Appointed-Position-Descriptions-Rev.-Aug-2018.pdf>