

Congress Topic Areas for State Tournament 2018

All schools attending the 2018 State Tournament will submit a bill or resolution on the topic area assigned to your League (see bottom of sheet). Legislation must be typed, properly formatted and received by the online registration deadline for the State Tournament. All schools attending the State Tournament will have a chance to review the legislation submitted and vote on the bills. The legislation for the State Tournament will then be selected by the Congress Committee from the legislation receiving the most votes.

Formatting and other guidelines for submission will be posted on the CHSSA website no later than January 15, 2018.

1. International Conflicts and Crisis

North Korea, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Turkey, Yemen, refugees, Ukraine, Mexican drug war, terrorism, Boko Haram, Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, South China Sea, Libya, Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Islamic militancy in Pakistan, Russian election tampering.

2. Women's Issues

domestic violence, education, wage inequality, sexual assault, underrepresentation in politics, STEM, reproductive rights, prostitution, sexual slavery, wage gap, paid sick leave, maternity leave, poverty-hunger-homelessness, maternal and infant health care, pregnant worker fairness, treatment of women in prison, academic discrimination, underrepresentation in corporations, ERA, CEDAW, ending "pink" tax, gender disparity for professionals including silencing.

3. Tax Reform

tax rates, border-adjustment tax, deductions and write offs, estate tax, AMT, Affordable Care Act taxes, mortgage deduction, corporate taxes, repatriation, budget deficits and measuring tax impacts, child and dependent care expenses, wealthy tax loopholes and tax breaks, tax code simplification, Tax churches at the same rate as other "non-profit" organizations.

4. Technology and Modernization

air traffic control, nuclear stockpile, infrastructure and transportation, online privacy protection, natural disaster preparedness, US election system, Electric cars, "chipping" employees, domestic drone surveillance.

5. The US Justice System

Drug use and the crime cycle, juvenile justice issues, high incarceration rate, mandatory sentencing, inaccurate forensic science, appeals process, police abuse, racism, jailhouse informants, wrongful convictions, funding public defender's office, anti-terrorism policies, body cameras, civil unrest, federal oversight of safeguards, victim's rights, Felon voter disenfranchisement, for-profit prisons, light sentencing in college sexual assault.

6. Social Welfare

entitlement programs, drug abuse, child care, transgender rights, transportation and roads, reliable energy, environmental protection, climate change, political freedom, higher education affordability, job opportunities, confederate monuments, euthanasia, hate groups, safe drinking water, behavioral health problems, healthcare inequality, social isolation, homelessness, Over-medicating with prescription drugs, casual racism, gender norms, living wage/minimum wage, mandatory advanced scheduling for low earning employees, banning state funded travel to discriminatory states, stigma of poverty.

Area 1 Coast Forensic League--Areas: 1, 3, 5 Golden Gate Speech Association--Areas: 2, 4, 6	Area 3 Southern California Debate League--Areas: 1, 4 Tri-Valley Forensic League--Areas: 3, 6 Western Bay Forensic League--Areas: 2, 5
Area 2 Southern Valley League--Areas: 1, 2 Capital Valley League--Areas: 3, 4 Yosemite Forensic League--Areas: 5, 6	Area 4 Citrus Belt Speech Region--Areas 1, 6 Orange County Speech League--Areas: 2, 3 San Diego Imperial Valley League--Area: 4, 5