

Congress Topic Areas and Legislation Templates for State Tournament 2020

All schools attending the 2020 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 using the CHSSA legislation templates, and received by the online registration deadline for the State Tournament in order to be considered for the 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.

NEW FOR 2020: Authorship speeches. Competitors from schools that have legislation selected for the State Tournament may give authorship speeches. See CHSSA by-laws for complete details.

1. United States Economy and Trade Policy

Tariffs, tax reform, banking regulations, balanced budget, deregulation, reform disability benefits, state and federal minimum wages, earned income tax credits, corporate salaries, union reform, worker rights, privatize Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), Paris Climate Accord, opportunity zones

2. Politics and Election Issues

Campaign finance reform, election security, gerrymandering, ranked choice voting, reform the electoral college, voter id laws, restore voting rights to felons

3. Public Safety and Law Enforcement

Gun control, prison/sentencing reform, bail reform, mass incarceration, mandatory minimums, pardons, police in schools, public surveillance, early release, drug policy

4. Military and Foreign Policy

Sanctions, nuclear proliferation, military spending, cyberwarfare, disarmament treaties, human rights, iran nuclear deal, two-state solution Mideast peace, world poverty and inequality, Afghan peace deal, drone warfare

5. Energy and Infrastructure

Green energy policies, climate change, high speed rail, public transportation, upgrading/protecting energy grid, epa reform, smart city development, EV charging infrastructure

6. Science, Technology and Communications: MS: The Federal Government establish a nationwide network of free wi-fi

Data privacy, automated/self driving vehicles, cyber-espionage, robocalls, private space exploration and travel, wireless internet as public resource

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