

Congress Topic Areas and Legislation Templates for State Tournament 2023

All schools attending the 2023 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.

Specific issues under topic areas are only suggestions and you need not be limited by those specific topics.

1. California Issues

Water restrictions, agriculture. Taxation, homelessness, housing, education, wildfires, UC/CSU, power grid, gas prices, teachers' unions

2. Civil Rights and Constitutional Issues

Equity, executive orders, police reform, whistleblowers, voting rights, gun reform, labor rights, filibuster reform(?), social media regulations and First Amendment, Supreme Court reform

3. Environment

Pollution, deforestation, clean energy, biodiversity, invasive species, polar ice caps, urban sprawl, ocean acidification, oil pipelines

4. Foreign Policy and World Conflicts

Taiwan-China, Russia-Ukraine, Haiti, Saudi Arabia, Israel-Palestinians, Yemeni Civil War, DPRK-Japan-South Korea, Myanmar, India-Pakistan, Iran, Syria

5. Health and Safety

COVID response, Medicaid fraud, health insurance reform, Johanna's Law, mental health support, Rx advertising, biomedical research, rural hospitals, vaccines/additional boosters, nursing homes

6. Immigration, Asylum, Refugees:

High skilled worker shortage, child trafficking, asylum for refugees, securing the borders, migrant resettlement, Kate's Law, reuniting families, VISAs, Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

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

