

Congress Topic Areas and Legislation Templates for State Tournament 2024

All schools attending the 2024 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. Election Reform

gerrymandering, absentee ballots, disenfranchisement, voter registration, voting age, term limits, candidate eligibility for office based on criminal behavior, campaign finance reform, super pac culpability, Washington DC election reform, certification of election reform, recount policy, voting extensions, retention and preservation of voted ballots and results,

2. Science, Technology and Communications

AI regulation, Chat GPT, Tik Tok bans, social media regulation, self driving vehicles, vaccines, establish wireless internet as public resource, dna editing, metaverse regulation,

3. Natural Disasters

federal response, insurance coverage, building regulations for emerging natural disasters based on global warming, environmental zoning, infrastructure, levees, dams, fire suppression, emergency response issues, displacement and homeless, climate refugees and asylum policies,

4. Military and Foreign Policy

Drone warfare, Ukraine/Russia policy, Latin America narco- policy, military technology bans, veterans benefits, US Taiwan policy, prisoner swaps, sanctions, sexual misconduct in the military, space force, military alliances and cooperation agreements, gender rights,

5. Crime and Punishment

prison reform, equity, curtailment of sentencing enhancements, avoiding life without parole sentences, and actively investigating police shootings and jail deaths, qualified immunity, over-incarceration, pre-arrest detention, bail reform, expanded pre-trial services, public defender reform,

6. Education Issues:

parent control of curriculum, revisionist history, AP reform, legacy admissions, school safety, admissions equity, for profit schools, teacher recruitment, teacher unions, credentialing reform, teacher residency programs, housing affordability programs for educators, gender issues,

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