

Congress Topic Areas and Legislation Templates for State Tournament 2027

All schools attending the 2027 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

Agriculture, taxation, state budget, homelessness, housing, education, wildfires, UC/CSU, power grid, gas prices, teachers' unions, fraud and waste prevention, state government reforms

2. Civil Rights

Systemic inequality, workplace protections, exploitation, racial discrimination, police reform, whistleblowers, voting rights, gun reform, labor rights, social media regulations, human trafficking, free speech

3. Education

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

4. Health & Safety

Public health, disease prevention, pandemic response, workplace safety, occupational hazards, health insurance reform, Johanna's Law, mental health support, pharmaceutical advertising, biomedical research, rural hospitals, vaccines/additional boosters, nursing homes

5. The Americas

Trade, immigration reform, foreign policy, drug interdiction, foreign aid, corruption, oil drilling, inequality, sanctions, public safety, human trafficking, human rights, education, rights of indigenous peoples

6. Water Resources & Development

Drought relief, environmental regulations, endangered species protection, wetlands conservation, rural water projects, hydropower regulation, desalination, flood protection, dam safety, infrastructure improvement, levee management, hurricane protection, fluoridation, water conservation, groundwater

Area 1 Coast Forensic League--Areas: 2, 4, 6 Golden Gate Speech Association--Areas: 1, 3, 5	Area 3 Southern California Debate League--Areas: 1, 4 Tri-County Forensic League--Areas: 2, 5 Western Bay Forensic League--Areas: 3, 6
Area 2 Capital Valley Forensic League--Areas: 1, 2 Southern Valley Forensic 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 Speech League--Area: 4, 5