

NEISD

Speech Rules & Guidelines

Student Congress

Through this contest, students are encouraged to develop a direct and communicate delivery. Student will research, write, and debate legislation in a mock congressional setting. Each student serves as either a senator or representative from their school. Pre selected legislation makes up the docket which will be addressed in a multi- hour session. During the session students will deliver speeches supporting, opposing, or amending proposed legislation. Students are judged on the presentation and content of their speeches. The typical Congressional Debate speech is three minutes long. Within this time, the speaker must lay out an organized, logical defense of why the chamber should vote for or against a given bill. The contest is conducted through a paliamentarian procedure with the use of motions. A student may run for the position of Presding Officer. If elected, the student is in charge of running the meeting using a priority system that ensures an equity for recognition for speeches and questions.