

**LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITY**

TO: Superintendent

FROM: Sarah Beattie

DATE: 2-3-20

Activity Name and Destination: Junior State of America Winter Congress at the LAX Sheraton

Address: 6101 W Century Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045

Date(s) of Activity: February 15th-16th, 2020

School(s): La Canada High School

Number of Students Attending and Grade Level or Group: 9th, 10th, 11th

Supervising Certificated Employee(s): Sarah Beattie

How many administrators attending? 0 How many teachers attending? 1

Adult to Student Ratio: 1:3 Employee to Student Ratio: 1:3

How many substitutes? 0 How many days? N/A Charge Substitute to: N/A

Rationale for activity:

A) Explain the educational value and relate to the instructional program or sponsoring organization and Policy 1100.

Winter Congress is an overnight convention held by the Junior State of America, a non-profit and non-partisan organization that fosters high-schoolers into becoming civically engaged. At Winter Congress, La Canada High School JSA members will participate engaging discussions about politics and society. Students will be serving as members of the House or Senate, then debate and vote on bills.

B) Explain impact on instructional time and justification for any time lost.

N/A. This convention will be held over the weekend (February 15th-16th, 2020).

C) Complete Itinerary: Please be specific and include detailed activity time periods for each day. (Attach additional page(s) if necessary.)

The complete itinerary for the convention is attached to these forms.

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LAX Sheraton On February 15th-16th, 2020

Destination/Date(s): _____

COMPLETE COST BREAKDOWN

<u>Complete Cost Breakdown Per Student</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Group Cost</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Registration:	\$ 175	Registration	\$ 685
Housing:	\$ 0	Housing	\$ 0
Transportation Method:	\$ 0	Transportation	\$ 0
Miscellaneous Expenses:	\$ 0	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 0
Meals:	\$ 20	Meals	\$ 80
Total Student Cost	\$ 195	Total Group Cost	\$ 765

Source of Funds

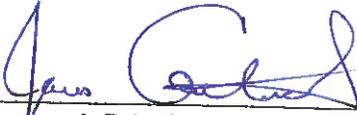
Each individual student will be paying for their own costs. The students will split up the cost of the room and registration for the Teacher Advisor that will be going with us.

How is financial assistance provided to students in need?

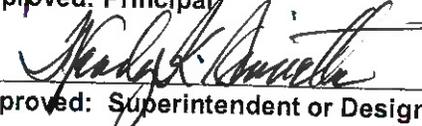
The Junior State of America provides scholarships for students and provides them with a certain amount of money in order to help them go to these conventions

If this activity is not planned for all your students, what learning activities will be planned for the students or classes that remain in session? Please attach lesson plans.

N/A. The convention will be held over the weekend.



Approved: Principal



Approved: Superintendent or Designee

2/3/2020

Date

2/5/2020

Date



PREPARING FOR CONGRESS

Serve as a Member of Congress

Can you protect your bill from amendments that might lessen its impact? Should you compromise to gain support or should you hold and try to persuade others your bill is perfect as is? Members of Congress face such questions every day, and now it's your turn. At Congress 2020, as either a Senator or a member of the House of Representatives, you will experience the inner workings of the U.S. Congress firsthand.

Write Legislation

Students' participation in Congress 2020 starts before the convention begins, as students work in teams to research and write legislation. Students select an issue they really care about and determine how Congress can use its powers to change the law.

Every chapter must submit **one bill for every five delegates** attending the convention. All bills must be submitted by the early registration deadline. Many bills received will be placed on the bill docket for consideration at Winter Congress. More information about bill writing will be sent out in December.

Committee Action and Mark-up

At the convention, students are assigned to committees where all the legislation is discussed and marked up. Amendments are made and language is clarified while the students learn the art of compromise to earn the committee votes needed to send their legislation the floor of the House or Senate.

Floor Debate

Public speaking skills are emphasized as the sponsors of the legislation that passed in committee take the podium in the full House and Senate sessions. The chambers are always packed as supporters and opponents of each bill get a chance to speak and persuade the members to support their position. Students will have the chance to speak out on the most pressing issues facing our nation today.

Convention Overview

- Saturday, Day 1 – House and Senate Committee Hearings
 - Each student is assigned to a House or Senate committee that meets to consider bills. A student chairs each committee, assisted by a clerk. All bills passed by both a House and Senate committee are placed on the docket for Sunday.
- Sunday, Day 2 – Full House and Senate Floor Sessions
 - Students meet in full sessions of the Senate and House of Representatives to debate the bills which passed in both their House and Senate committees. A student will serve as the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and another will serve as the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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