

Memorandum



To: Whom It May Concern

From: Doug Ryan, Executive Director
Roderick Bennett, Program Director

Re: National Model U.S. Congress

The National Model U.S. Congress is a civic education program that will help advance the goals of your institution by providing a unique learning experience for students. NMC is a collegiate simulation of the U.S. Congress. Participants are assigned a Senator or Representative whom they will embody, tasked with writing legislation, and provided opportunities to debate national, state, and local issues; comparable to our elected officials. There are planned House and Senate sessions as well as committee meetings, all of which include student-lead debate. Participants elect a President and Vice President. They may also be appointed to executive level positions including Secretary of State, Chief of Staff, State Ambassador, and other executive positions. As you can see, our program stimulates participants with varied interests.

Model Congress' programs and events strive to provide every student with a solid foundation in civic education and offers the tools to be a fully engaged citizen. We provide a unique opportunity for students to interact on issues facing local, state, and federal governments. The following Learning Outcomes established by Model Congress are additionally used to guide our educational programs:

The successful participant will be able to:

- Demonstrate critical thinking, and understanding on key contemporary issues of public policy and politics at the federal level.
- Analyze the concept of federalism and its operation in the United States.
- Be able to identify the three branches of government and explain how they function.
- Understand the process by which a bill becomes a law on the federal level.
- Interpret the key differences of national, state and local levels of government.

At Model Congress, our goal is to assist students in connecting classroom learning to real world knowledge.

We hope you find that our program meets the civic engagement needs of your institution. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. We look forward to seeing you at a Model Congress event.

Thank You,

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