



We the People

THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION

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Rules for High School Competition

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution is intended for all students. High schools with classes competing in the We the People simulated congressional hearings must comply with the following rules:

1. Teachers must provide a roster, including unit assignments, of their competing class once they have secured their spot in the National Finals either via state winner or wild card invitation. The process for doing so will be shared with each state winning and wild card class.
2. The Center is committed to encouraging the widest possible participation from a broad range of students with the continued emphasis on the involvement of all members of a class or club. For purposes of the competition a “class” must...
 - be constituted according to the school’s normal policies and procedures for student admittance to a class or club;
 - be designated on the school's master program (schedule of class or club offerings) as a required or elective class or after-school/ out of school time club;
 - We the People teams outside the parameters of these criteria should reach out to the Center Programs team to confirm their format
3. Students who have competed at a high school district, regional, state, or national competition may not compete again at that same level of competition in a future year. Students who have previously competed may, however, attend hearings as teaching assistants and/or spectators. Students who have participated in elementary and/or middle school hearings are eligible to participate in the high school competition.
4. Each class must be divided into six groups and each group will be responsible for “testifying” on their assigned unit of the text. Each group must have at least three members and the number of students in each group should be as equal as possible. No student may be in more than one group unless a class has fewer than 18 students.

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5. When a class has fewer than 18 students, teachers may allow some students to participate in two groups but not more than two. The number of students allowed to participate in more than one group is determined by the total number of students in the class.

Number of students in class	Number of different students participating in two groups
17	1
16	2
15	3
14	4
13	5
12	6
11	7
10	8
9	9

6. The class roster shall identify the unit to which each student is assigned. A class roster is required for each level of competition (district, regional, state, and national). Teachers may change student unit assignments for each level of competition, if they so desire. New students, however, may not be added to a roster after a class enters its first level of competition without permission from the We the People state coordinator and the Center Programs team. Once a class is defined by its roster as being composed of specific students, the same students must participate in all levels of competition. No class with fewer than nine students will be eligible to compete.

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