

2018



CENTENNIAL MODEL CONGRESS CONFERENCE Conference Registration

Dear Faculty and Delegates,

Welcome to Centennial's third annual Model Congress Conference! We are honored to have your school attend this year's conference held at **Centennial High School on April 28th, 2018 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

This is a student-run conference with schools from around Howard County and neighboring areas in the Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan Region participating. Vigorous planning and preparation has gone into this conference in hopes of providing each and every single delegate with the best conference experience possible. We have been working diligently to ensure enriching committee sessions and plenty of high-quality and efficacious debate. CHSMC is an exceptional opportunity to not only foster skilled veterans but also to shape inexperienced delegates seeking to learn how to publicly debate and formulate compromises—For novices, we aim to help provide an understanding of parliamentary procedure and to prepare for future local and collegiate conferences, and for experienced delegates, CHSMC is a perfect setting to refresh and improve skills early on in the school year.

Centennial Model Congress provides delegates with the unique opportunity to engage in American government through the eyes of current representatives and senators. Delegates will simulate the United States Congress to better understand civic participation and government function. Through the diverse range of congressional committees covering a comprehensive spectrum of pressing federal issues, Centennial Model Congress strives to provide a motivating educational atmosphere that promotes individual growth and group learning. By engaging in open debate, students are able to better appreciate the purpose and role of the political process. The Centennial staff promises to be committed, supportive, and educational, and, above all, we will dedicate ourselves to providing an enjoyable and instructive environment that imbues in delegates skills and experiences that they will carry throughout the rest of their lives.

On behalf of ourselves, the CHSMC staff, and the Centennial High Model Congress Club, we look forward to meeting you in April!

Sincerely,
Su Yeon Song
Conference Coordinator

“Model Congress was a great experience that not only provided me with real world experience dealing with the complex issues that face modern American society but also fostered development of important skills such as public speaking, argument formation, and accomplishing tasks within a group setting.”
-Ben Smith, University of Wisconsin

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Conference Information

Date: Saturday, 28 April 2018

Location: Centennial High School
4300 Centennial Lane
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

Cost: *\$30.00 per delegate (non-refundable; price of lunch included)

Schedule:

8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.	<i>Registration</i>
9:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.	<i>Opening Ceremony</i>
9:45 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	<i>Committee Session I</i>
11:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	<i>Lunch (catered by Qdoba)</i>
12:00 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.	<i>Committee Session II</i>
1:15 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.	<i>Joint Committee Session</i>
2:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.	<i>Closing Ceremony</i>

Important Dates:

03/05	Completed registration form and conference fee (a check made out to Centennial High School) should be mailed to Attn: Thomas Wheeler – English Dept. 4300 Centennial Lane, Ellicott City, Maryland, 21042.
03/17	Committee/representative/senator assignments and background guides distributed.
04/16	Position papers due to individual chairs by no later than 11:59 P.M. Visit your committee's webpage to view background guides.



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Important Notes:

- i. All checks must address **Centennial High School** and be mailed to **Attn: Thomas Wheeler – English Dept. 4300 Centennial Lane, Ellicott City, Maryland, 21042** by March 05, 2018. Collective delegation checks are preferred. If there is an issue with the due date, please contact us in advance so that we may make special accommodations.
- ii. It is strongly preferred, although not required, that advisors escort their delegates to the conference.
- iii. Registration will be based on a first-come, first-served basis. Therefore, we will have to reject registrations after the conference's total delegate number exceeds a certain limit (around 170).
- iv. It is mandatory that a filled-out copy of the Code of Conduct (found on the last page of this packet) is brought with each delegate on the day of the conference.***
- v. If you have any questions or concerns, please email centennialmodelcongress@gmail.com.

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Contact Information

Delegate Name: _____

Delegate Signature: _____

Email Address: _____

School Name: _____

Delegate Preference

Committee Preferences

Check the committee you prefer:

Please be mindful that we cannot guarantee that everyone will receive their top choices; the assigning of committees will be based on a first-come, first-serve basis.

House #1 (House Homeland Security): _____

Senate #1 (Senate Environment and Public Works): _____

Senate #2 (Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation): _____



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Code of Conduct

All Centennial High School Model Congress Conference delegates are expected to comply with the Code of Conduct to ensure a respectful and enriching work environment throughout the conference similar to that of the respectful, efficient manner of the United States Congress.

I, _____, have read the guidelines below and understand what is expected of me at the Centennial High School Model Congress Conference.

- i. Conference delegates must treat everyone with the highest level of courtesy and respect.
- ii. Discrimination based on any grounds is prohibited.
- iii. Delegates must respect the property of Centennial High School. Delegates will be financially responsible for any damage to Conference facilities that result from their actions.
- iv. Delegates are to wear identification badges at all time to obtain access to committee sessions and activities within Centennial High School.
- v. During the conference, delegates must wear western business-professional attire. Jeans, hats, sunglasses, and flip-flops are not allowed.
- vi. Delegates must be professional in their speech, actions, and appearance.
- vii. Delegates must be present during all committee sessions.
- viii. During committee session, delegates may only bring water into the conference room. Eating or drinking other beverages during formal meetings is prohibited.
- ix. The use of cellular phones, laptops, and other electronic devices will not be permitted during committee sessions. Navigating the web in any method during the conference is strictly prohibited.
- x. All conference participants, delegates, and faculty advisors must remain within the Conference facilities as designated on the Conference map (that will be displayed in the Lobby at the day of the Conference).
- xi. The organizers of the Conference are not responsible for delegates' personal possessions. Delegates are reminded to guard their belongings.

Rules are enforced at the discretion of the chair. Delegates who do not follow the Code of Conduct may be asked to leave the conference without a refund of their \$30.00 delegate fees.

_____	_____	____/____/____
Delegate Name (First Last)	Delegate Signature	Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
_____	_____	____/____/____
Parent or Guardian Name (First Last)	Parent or Guardian Signature	Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
_____	_____	
Email	Home Phone	
_____	_____	_____
Mobile Phone	Work Phone	School Name