

Delaware Middle and High School 2nd Mock Continental Congress What to Expect!



Date: Friday, May 1, 2026

Location: Legislative Hall, Dover, Delaware

Timeframe: 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Transportation to the Event: Those participating are responsible for their own transportation to and from the event.

Chaperones: Each participant may be accompanied by one adult authorized by their school or a parent/guardian who may attend the event. Seating will be in the Senate and House chamber galleries.

Lunch: for student participants will be provided by the event sponsors.

Submitting Names of Nominees: the deadline to nominate students is **February 13th**. Each teacher may submit nominations for up to 2 students. The number selected will depend upon the number of total nominations received plus the seating capacities in Legislative Hall. We encourage you to rank order your nominees to help us if we have to make "cuts."

Permission to Participate is Required: nominees must have the permissions of their schools as well as a parent or guardian. Forms to follow notifications of acceptance.

Who Can Be Nominated: Middle and High School teachers in Delaware can nominate up to 2 students to participate but not all of the nominees are guaranteed spots if a lot of schools opt to participate. We ask that you rank order your nominees in case we do have to "make cuts." Notifications of acceptance will be sent by **February 17th**. Ideally, those nominated will have taken some coursework relating to the Declaration so that they have sufficient content knowledge to participate effectively.

Preparation: students will be asked to read over some materials explaining the roles and positions they will assume during the mock convention. These will be provided to the individuals who nominated them. We will also offer a Zoom orientation for students. Details to come after selections are made.

Benefits of Participation: engaging learning experiences, resume building, publicity opportunities.

Tentative Agenda based on 2025

9:00 Welcome, Introductions, and About the Chambers - House and Senate

9:15 Overview of Agenda and Purpose of the Day

9:25 Content Overview by Scholar (all delegates in one chamber)

10:30 Guided Practice - Parliamentary Procedures

10:00 Overview of the Simulation

10:45 Snack and Water Break

11:00 Simulation begins (Resolutions 1-3)

12:00 Lunch

12:45 Simulation Resumes (Resolutions 4-5)

1:30 The Signing

1:45 Simulation Debrief by Scholar

2:15 Closing and Distribution of Certificates/Awards

2:30 Adjourn

Simulation Roles: Participating students will be assigned to one of three roles prior. The roles are Radicals, Conservatives, and Moderates. Each teacher nominating a student will receive a copy of Interact's "The Second Continental Congress and Independence (1776)" simulation booklet. It contains overviews of the Radicals, Tories, and Moderates positions on the five issues that will be debated. Teachers can copy those position statements and give them to the students who will participate.

Dress: the event will take place in Legislative Hall so dress reasonably well. "Business" or "Smart" casual suggested. No t-shirts, shorts or sandals.

For More Information: visit

<https://delaware250.org/delaware-250-events/2026-students-mock-2nd-continental-congress/>

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