

Policies for the *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution*

National High School Competition

High schools with classes competing in the *We the People* simulated congressional hearings must comply with the following policies:

Team Eligibility:

We welcome any team that is a rostered class, regardless of its size. Whether your class is small or large, we encourage participation in the We the People National Finals and the valuable experience it offers.

There are no minimum or maximum team size limitations. There are guidelines around how many units in which each student can compete for classes smaller than 18.

Out-of-school clubs are eligible to participate, provided their respective state has not sent a team to the We the People Nationals since 2019. This policy aims to ensure fair representation and allow a diverse range of states and regions to participate in the competition. This qualification will be evaluated and updated each year.

Individual Student Eligibility:

Students who have competed at a high school district, regional, state, or national competition may not compete again at the same competition level in future years. However, students who have previously competed may attend hearings as teaching assistants and/or spectators. Students who previously participated in elementary and/or middle school hearings can participate in the high school competition.

Rosters:

Teachers/coaches must provide a class roster, including unit assignments, once they have secured their spot in the National Finals by winning their state-level competition or through a wild card invitation. Roster submission forms will be shared with teachers following the conclusion of their state competition.

The class roster should specify the unit to which each student is assigned. A separate class roster may be required for each level of competition (district, regional, state, and national). Teachers can change student unit assignments at each competition level if they wish to do

so. However, adding new students to a roster after a class enters its first competition level requires permission from the We the People state coordinator and the Center Programs team.

Unit Panel Composition:

Each class must be divided into six groups, each responsible for "testifying" on their assigned text unit. Each group must consist of at least three members, and the number of students in each group should be as equal as possible. Students may only be part of more than one unit if a class has fewer than 18 students.

Unit Panel Composition (for classes with fewer than 18 students):

When a team has fewer than 18 students, teachers may allow some students to participate in multiple units. The total number of students in the class determines the number of students allowed to participate in more than one group.

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