

YOUTH & GOVERNMENT CLUB

14 YEAR CLUB AT JP CASE INFORMATION MEETING—WEDNESDAY JAN. 24, 3-4PM IN THE TEACHER'S CAFETERIA

The Youth and Government Club at JP Case is run by staff from the YMCA of Bucks and Hunterdon Counties. This outstanding club and conference allows students to explore and express their opinions on a variety of topics important to the state by brainstorming, developing and debating bills that they think should be laws in the state of New Jersey.

Dates

Weekly in-person meetings from late April

Virutal Practice Session in March In-Person Conference—April 12, 13, 14

QUESTIONS? CONTACT LEN YACULLO LYACULLO@YMCABHC.ORG 908-483-4930







YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT CLUB BASIC INFORMATION

What is it?

Youth and Government Club is a club run by the Y that meets weekly in person at JP Case to prepare students to attend the 85th Annual New Jersey Youth and Government Model Legislature.

Preparation will involve brainstorming bill ideas and then putting those bill ideas in the proper format, refining and editing them. Once finalized, practice debate will assist students in preparing to defend their bill at the conference, learning public speaking and debate skills.

Is there a cost?

Yes, there is a cost for the conference which includes two nights at New Jersey hotel to be announced, six meals, conference materials and t-shirt as well as each student's share of common costs such as transportation and chaperone fees.

What do students do?

Students will debate the bill they wrote and try to get it passed through a model of the New Jersey legislature. This will include small group committee sessions and bills which pass committee are then discussed by the full middle school group,

Who Attends?

7th and 8th graders from throughout New Jersey participate in the "Junior Legislature" program within the larger Youth and Government conference which is also attended by over 300 high school students.

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