



History of the Program

The Dallas Bar Association Mock Trial Committee is responsible for the organization and administration of the statewide high school mock trial program, which was established in 1979.

Each calendar year, **over 150 schools across the state and approximately 2000+ students** participate in this exciting advocacy competition. In addition, there are hundreds of attorneys and judges involved in the judging of each trial of the competition.

The mock trials are open to the public and we encourage any teacher, student, parent, etc. who are interested in the law to attend and observe these teams in action!

For more information please visit our website!

www.texashighschoolmocktrial.com

Who We Are

About Us

The program provides a great way for students to gain an “insider’s view” of our judicial system, plus, they gain confidence speaking in front of others and have a lot of fun at the same time.

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TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Public, private, and home school teams from across Texas compete in this exciting advocacy competition!



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What is mock trial?

A team of 6-10 high school students are gathered by a team advisor – this can be a teacher, an attorney, or even student leaders; and once registered, the team will begin preparing to compete against their peers in an organized regional meet.

In October of the current school year, teams will be able to download information related to a fictional case.

Each team must learn both sides of the case study (Prosecution/Plaintiff and Defense) and students must play the roles of both attorneys and witnesses in a ‘mock’ trial.

Members work together to learn the facts of the case and create strategies for trial and then compete in local-area meets.

What benefits are there to taking part in a mock trial team?

- Improve your ability to analyze facts and present a compelling argument.
- Improve your public speaking skills and the ability to think on your feet.
- Improve your overall self-confidence.
- Access to a creative space where you can take part in a ‘dramatic representation’ of your case.
- Earn scholarship awards at the state competition level! *Also available at some regions.*
- **Touch on several social studies and CTE TEKS!**

“A mock trial team is much more than a group of smart people who come together and pretend to try a case. It is truly a family that dedicates everything for the value of legal education and for each other.” - Regina Campbell, Skyline High School – 2015 Texas State Champion Outstanding Attorney



How do you get started?

1. A team advisor – a teacher, an attorney, or even student leaders – will need to register his or her team online and pay the registration fee by the deadline, **December 15, 2021.**
2. Secure assistance from a local attorney or judge to help with courtroom decorum and trial skills – even for one day this is helpful!
3. Once the team is registered for the competition, teams are provided with a copy of the case materials for the year and these contain the rules, procedures, and the case problem itself. **The case for the 2021-2022 competition year will be released online on October 1, 2021.**
4. Compete in your regional competition between mid- January and mid-February. **Advancing teams compete at State Competition the first weekend in March.**