



Mock Trial Steering Committee Resolution Establishing the Mock Trial Adult Code of Conduct

Whereas, the Santa Clara County Mock Trial program is committed to ensuring a safe, respectful, and professional environment for all student participants;

Whereas, establishing clear expectations for the conduct of all participating adults is essential to maintaining a safe and supportive environment for students and preventing misconduct;

Whereas, the Mock Trial Steering Committee recognizes that all adults involved in the program, including teacher advisors, lawyer coaches, and Steering Committee members, play a vital role in fostering a safe and positive experience for students;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. Implementation of the Mock Trial Adult Code of Conduct

- a. All teacher advisors, lawyer coaches, and Steering Committee members participating in the Mock Trial program will be required to review and sign the Mock Trial Adult Code of Conduct annually.
- b. This document will outline clear guidelines for professional and ethical interactions with students, with an emphasis on appropriate physical and verbal conduct in compliance with State laws.
- c. The Code of Conduct incorporates best practices from existing guidelines, including those outlined in the SCCOE Guest Code of Conduct and established Youth Protection Guidelines.

2. Coaches Orientation and Code of Conduct

- a. All coaches and teacher advisors are encouraged to attend the **Coaches Orientation**, where they will receive training on general Mock Trial responsibilities and policies.
- b. Each participating adult must acknowledge their understanding of the Code of Conduct and agree to adhere to its provisions.

3. Reporting and Accountability

- a. Any concerns or violations of the Code of Conduct must be reported in compliance with district and state law policies.
- b. All coaches and advisors are encouraged to complete mandated reporter training annually through their school district.



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4. Commitment to a Safe and Inclusive Environment

- a. The Steering Committee will continue to review and refine policies to uphold the highest standards of student safety and adult accountability.
- b. All adults must foster a culture of respect, inclusion, and professionalism in all interactions with students and fellow participants.

Adopted by the Mock Trial Steering Committee on March 25, 2025.

Signatures:

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