



Santa Clara County Mock Trial Program

Adult Code of Conduct

The Santa Clara County Mock Trial program is committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and professional environment for all student participants. All adults participating in the program—including teacher advisors, lawyer coaches, and Steering Committee members—must adhere to the highest standards of conduct.

By signing this document, I agree to uphold the following expectations to ensure the safety and well-being of all students:

1. Professional and Appropriate Interactions with Students

- I will maintain a respectful, professional, and supportive role when interacting with students.
- I will avoid any behavior—verbal, physical, or written—that could be interpreted as inappropriate, harassing, or discriminatory.
- I will refrain from any physical contact with students beyond age-appropriate gestures such as handshakes, fist bumps, or high fives.
- I understand that any form of abuse (physical, verbal, emotional, or sexual) or inappropriate conduct toward students is strictly prohibited.

2. Ethical and Professional Conduct

- I will portray a positive role model by demonstrating professionalism, patience, courtesy, and maturity at all times.
- I will not engage in any behavior that could be considered unethical, illegal, or unprofessional.
- I will not disclose personal information about students or engage in any social media interactions with student participants.
- I will abide by the Teach Democracy Code of Conduct, contained in the Mock Trial handbook, as well as all school and district policies.

3. Commitment to Program Policies

- I will review and abide by the policies outlined in the Santa Clara County Mock Trial Steering Committee's guidelines.
- I will comply with all SCCOE and school district policies regarding student safety and conduct.



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Acknowledgment and Agreement

I have read and understand the **Santa Clara County Mock Trial Adult Code of Conduct**. I agree to abide by these guidelines to ensure the safety and well-being of all student participants. I understand that violations of this Code of Conduct may result in my suspension or removal from the Mock Trial program.

Printed Name: _____

Role (Teacher Advisor, Lawyer Coach, Steering Committee Member): _____

School or Organization: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____