



Class Syllabus: Competition Mock Trial

Instructors: Mr. Goodwin, Mrs. Gammon

Year: 2016-17

Period: 5th, Weds. 3-6 PM

Room: 204

Course description: Trial Advocacy Competition is a selective course (students must try out and be accepted onto a team.) Two teams will be selected to actively compete in the Law Foundation's regional, state, and potentially national competitions. Team C is a Freshman/Sophomore team that will scrimmage with our own teams, and compete in the regional competitions (The C team is not qualified for Idaho State competition or Nationals). Team C will form based on interest and try-out scoring. We may not create a team C if there is insufficient interest.

Students are selected for the A & B teams by the first practice in December based upon 1) Past performance, 2) Demonstrated commitment and teachability, 3) Performance in tryouts, if required. 4) Teams are fit to create the right combination of talent. Team B&C students are selected based upon TA 101 performance and tryouts.

Selection Process

- Tryouts will be held on November 8th, through the 20th (5th hour) and 16th from 3-6.
- Competition members will be selected by December 2nd after case release
- Case release is scheduled for November 20th
- Students may drop the class without a "w" or penalty until December 2nd. **Students are responsible to initiate and process the drop paperwork.**
- A/B/C Team assignments will be made by December 15th
- Role assignments will be made by January 4th
- Draft documents due by January 4th
- Final documents will be complete by January 24th

Committed Dates and Competitions:

The case is set to release DECEMBER 2nd.

You must commit to these dates if you accept a role on one of the Mock Trial teams.

Class time: weekly beginning in November and lasting through April 1 st .	TEAMS A, B, & C	Every Tuesday and Thursday, 12:27-1:15 PM (5 th hour).
Extended Practices	Teams A & B & C	Wednesday, 3:05-6:00 (Club Time+) on the following days: <i>Nov. 15th (tryouts)</i> <i>Dec. 7th</i> <i>Dec. 14th</i> <i>Christmas Break Practices</i> DECEMBER 17th: 10:00 AM-3:00 PM JANUARY 2nd: 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. (all) Wednesday, 3:05-6:00 (Club Time+) January 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th February 1 st , Wednesday, 3:05- 7:00 (Club Time +) February 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd March 1 st .
Saturday Scrimmages/ Practices	Teams A, B, C	SATURDAY PRACTICES February 11 th February 25 th Both 8:00 AM -2:00 PM
2017 Regional Competition	Teams A, B, C	March 4, 2016 Caldwell all day
2017 State Preparation	Teams A & B	Wednesday, 3:05 – 7:00 (club time+) March 8 th , March 15 th Saturday, March 18th 8AM -2 PM
2017 State Competition	Teams A & B (C on call) Competing students off-school Thursday, March 20 and Friday, March 21 st , Friday, students may return to school if eliminated. Wednesday is a school day.	March 22-25 22 th —Ada County Courthouse 4:30 PM 23 th —Ada County Courthouse 4:30 PM 24 th —Federal Courthouse TBA 25 th —Lock-in at the school
2017 Beyond State!	Teams?	Be prepared for all Wednesdays and about 4 Saturdays (or an overnight Friday/Saturday)
2017 National Competition	?	May 11-13 Hartford Connecticut.

Contact Information

Coaches & Attorneys:

Teacher:

B-team Teacher:

Attorneys:

C-team teacher/ attorney:

Expectations & Information

Responsibility Grading Chart	Points
Attendance	- 20 per missed practice
Regionals & State attendance (A & B)	100 / tournament
Regionals & State C	20 / tournament
Written work (Pass/fail)	20 / assignment
Final tournament documents delivered on time	100 / tournament
Case quiz	20 (this is a scored assignment)
Missed practices MUST be scheduled ahead of time or your team position may be forfeited. Only one missed practice can be absorbed in the point system without impact to your grade.	

Expectations & Information

- Any written assignments are to be turned in typed, based upon the school's standard formatting, and printed on paper (not electronic), unless otherwise specified. The school will not print electronic copies for you. In emergencies, the school will charge for printing.
- Students must have a Gmail account so that they can access Google Docs for cooperative work with other students.
- Makeups for absences are the responsibility of the student. You are responsible to check with the teacher (RenWeb may not reflect recent changes) for specific work assignments and due dates when you are absent or planning to be absent. Missing work can easily result in a failing grade for the quarter or semester because there are fewer grades than in other classes (since we meet only twice per week).
- Assignments will be made based upon the best overall team strategy, not necessarily on the best performance of individuals during the audition.
- Students who are unable or unwilling to commit to the dates within this syllabus may wish to drop the class by the drop/add date. Students may not drop after this date.
- Mock Trial is a 2 credit Applied Art. You must complete the full course (November through March) to receive credit.

- No electronic devices (outside of google docs) or texting during practice unless it is an emergency or to arrange scheduling with family for pick-up/ drop-off times.

I have read, confirmed with my parents, and checked my availability for the above dates and will be in attendance, barring significant illness. I will arrive on time for practices, and not leave until the prescribed time. Mock Trial is a voluntary activity and therefore by agreeing to participate, you agree to prioritize it over other activities, whether school related or not.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please note any family or other conflicts with the above schedule below. Failure to make practices may result in removal from a team or a reduced role. Failure to document the missed practices here will likely result in reduced participation or removal from the team.