

HIGH SCHOOL ADVOCACY TRIP

SOME IMPORTANT DETAILS

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WHAT IS ADVOCACY?

Advocacy is the act of actively supporting or arguing in favor of a cause, idea, or policy. Ask yourself, what's important to you, your peers, your community, etc.

PROGRAM SUMMARY



In this six-week program, students learn about advocacy, civic engagement, and the public education system. They engage in dialogue with district administrators and leaders to share concerns and gain insight into their school district. The program concludes with a trip to our state capitol in Sacramento, where students meet elected officials, lawmakers, and policy leaders to advocate for the priorities of their schools and communities.

IMPORTANT DETAILS



- Open to all IUSD juniors and seniors
- PTSA membership required for selected delegates (*scholarships available*)
- Delegates chosen by school administrators through application/interview
- PTSA units cover all travel costs for students and high school staff chaperones
- Superintendent, School Board members, ITA President, staff chaperones, and IUCPTA leaders also join the trip

KNOW YOUR TIMELINE



- November/December: Applications available at high schools
- January: Applications due following Winter Break
- January: Student delegate selections made and communicated
- February: Six week program starts-with weekly mandatory panel discussions in the evening, held across the IUSD high school campuses. Each PTSA unit hosts one night of panel discussions.
- March: Panels continue through mid-March
- Mid-March: Day trip to state capitol. Date TBD
- April: Students share their experience in PTSA Association Meeting

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THE WHY

- students bring up and research topics that concern THEM
- meet with lawmakers to express their views
- network with other high school students across Irvine
- learn from a variety of experts in state education leading up to the trip
- students will interact and learn from IUSD board members and administrators throughout the program
- students learn how to find and use their voice effectively

INTERESTING FACTS

This idea for IUSD high school students to have their very own one-day legislative conference at the state capitol began with former IUSD School Board Trustee, Wendy Bokota, and current Trustee, Lauren Brooks in 2007. This first year, 19 student delegates attended. In 2014, IUCPTA took over organizing the trip and now we send more than 30 students each year.

Need more info? Have questions? Reach out to your Advocacy Chair or PTSA President.

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