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STARTING A MODEL UN TEAM



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Conference Support

Why Start a Model UN Team?



This guide outlines the benefits of MUN, the positive impact it has on both students and our school, and the type of support needed to make this opportunity accessible to our team.

The Benefits of Model UN

Academic Focus

Model UN is a unique learning experience that enhances students' academic skills across multiple areas:

- **Research Skills:** Students delve into global issues, learning to analyze data, study country policies, and synthesize information.
- **Public Speaking and Debate:** MUN provides a structured environment for students to practice speaking confidently and persuasively. As they present and defend their ideas, they develop skills in rhetoric, critical thinking, and argumentation.
- **Writing and Communication:** Students learn to write resolutions, which requires concise and impactful communication.

Character and Leadership Development

Model UN is more than just an academic exercise; it shapes students into proactive leaders and team players. MUN encourages:

- **Leadership and Responsibility:** Students often take on roles, such as Head Delegate, where they lead teams, organize events, and mentor peers.
- **Teamwork and Diplomacy:** Delegates must work with peers from other teams, fostering skills in collaboration, diplomacy, and conflict resolution. These are critical life skills that extend beyond the classroom.

University and Scholarship Appeal

Model UN experience is an impressive addition to any college application. It shows that students are engaged, informed, and capable of tackling complex issues.

Universities and scholarship boards look for students who demonstrate initiative, leadership, and a commitment to making a difference—qualities MUN helps cultivate.

How MUN Reflects Positively On The School

Through MUN, students build essential academic and life skills while representing our school on local, national, and international stages.

1- School Recognition

Model UN provides students with the chance to participate in prestigious conferences, often held at renowned universities and institutions.

Our students can **earn awards both individually and for the school.**

Highlighting these accomplishments can also enhance our school's reputation, as MUN awards and recognition can be shared in newsletters, on our website, and even in local media.

2- Extracurricular Option Beyond Sports

As an academic program, MUN allows students to develop public speaking, negotiation, and leadership skills while competing at prestigious conferences.

For students seeking a challenging extracurricular experience outside of sports, MUN provides an avenue to excel in a team environment, build resilience, and showcase their achievements on an academic stage..



By participating in conferences, students showcase their talents and win awards that reflect positively on the school.

MUN involvement creates valuable community partnerships and media opportunities, elevating our school's reputation as a leader in providing meaningful, real-world educational experiences.

A tall, modern skyscraper with a green-tinted glass facade, identified as the United Nations Secretariat Building. The building is set against a cloudy sky. In the foreground, there is a row of international flags on poles, a traffic light, and a metal barricade.

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MUN Conferences



Overview of Conferences

The end goal of MUN is participation in a conference – these can range from local events to international gatherings.

These conferences are held at prestigious institutions, providing our students with enriching experiences as they compete, collaborate, and learn from peers across the globe. Some notable conferences include:

- **National High School MUN (NHSMUN)** in New York City, hosted at the United Nations Headquarters, offering students a prestigious experience and access to UN speakers.
- **Harvard Model United Nations (HMUN)**, which brings together thousands of students from around the world and is held at the historic Harvard University campus.
- **The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN)** in the Netherlands, one of the most renowned MUN conferences globally, held at the World Forum Convention Center and recognized for its high standards of debate and international attendance.
- **Global Classrooms International Middle School MUN Conference** held at the United Nations Headquarters and attended by middle school students from around the world, providing younger delegates a valuable, age-appropriate experience in MUN.

Local and Regional Conferences

Before attending major conferences, our students could build skills and gain experience closer to home, often hosted by nearby colleges and universities.

The mymun conference tracker has a database of nearly 6000 conferences hosted around the world.

Expected Outcomes and Goals



Team Size and Structure

We anticipate a team size of 8 to 16 students, which allows for active participation and focused mentorship. This manageable size ensures that each student can contribute meaningfully while developing critical MUN skills.

Team Meetings

The team will hold weekly meetings to build a strong foundation in research, public speaking, and debate. As we approach conference dates, we may increase the frequency or duration of these meetings to ensure the team is fully prepared.

Recruitment

Building a successful MUN team starts with finding students who are interested in global issues, public speaking, or leadership. We aim to host an application process for the team, but will be sure to emphasize that MUN is for everyone—from extroverts to quieter students—some of the best delegates start off reserved and grow through the experience.

A diverse group brings a range of perspectives and skills, strengthening the team and helping everyone learn together.

Metrics for Success

To measure the success of our MUN program, we will focus on the following metrics:

- **Student Participation:** We track the number of students who join and remain engaged with the MUN team, aiming for consistent attendance and active involvement.
- **Conference Outcomes:** Success at conferences is measured by both individual awards and overall team performance, helping us gauge our preparedness and effectiveness.
- **Skill Development:** Through feedback from students and parents, we assess the growth in key areas like public speaking, research, and leadership.