

SCOPE

STUDENT CONGRESS ON POLICIES IN EDUCATION

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 • MTSU Student Union Center

On March 5, TSBA will host the 2019 Student Congress on Policies in Education (SCOPE) conference, which brings together 9th-12th grade students from across the state to discuss current topics in education. Participants will explore education issues through mock school board meetings and group discussions.

At the end of the day, participants meet as a congress where each group's student leader debates on one of the day's topics. These events are designed to give students an understanding of how school boards operate. Students will express their opinions by voting on position statements involving the debated issues. Finally, delegates will elect 2020 SCOPE officers from among the day's speakers.

AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Refreshments
Group Photos
- 9:00 a.m. Opening General Session
- 9:30 a.m. Small Group Session (ALL GROUPS)
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch Session 1 (Groups 1-5)
- 11:00 a.m. Prepare for Debate Session (Groups 6-10)
- 11:00 a.m. Prepare for Debate Session (Groups 11-16)
- 11:20 a.m. Lunch Session 2 (Groups 6-10)
- 11:40 a.m. Lunch Session 3 (Groups 11-16)
- 12:00 p.m. Prepare for Debate Session (Groups 1-5)
- 12:20 p.m. Prepare for Debate Session, Cont. (Groups 6-10)
- 12:40 p.m. Prepare for Debate Session, Cont. (Groups 11-16)
- 2:00 p.m. Closing General Session
Debate Session
Action and Recommendations
Election of 2019 Officers
- 2:50 p.m. Presentation to 2018 SCOPE Officers
- 3:00 p.m. Adjournment

LOCATION

Middle Tennessee State University
Student Union Building
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

1768 MTSU Blvd.,
Murfreesboro, TN 37132

Registration, group photos, and breakfast begin at 8 a.m. (CST) in the main lobby, and the first general session begins at 9 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided via food vouchers for the Union Center food court.

REGISTRATION

Four delegates may be selected from a school system, or two per high school, whichever is greater. Delegates must be in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade. **Registrations must be processed by the board secretary through the system's central office.** Each system's board secretary will be receiving an email containing the link to the online registration form. Once registration has been submitted, TSBA will invoice the system for payment.

The deadline for registration is February 19, 2019. **The registration fee for SCOPE is \$60 per student** and must be received by TSBA prior to the meeting on March 5, 2019. The fee will cover the cost of breakfast, lunch, information packet, group photographs, and the final SCOPE Report. The fee for chaperones is \$16 and will cover the cost of breakfast, lunch and information packet.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

TSBA has a room block at four hotels (see below). Hotel reservations must be made by **February 11, 2019** to receive the TSBA member rate. If anyone in your system is not able to attend, please call or email Sarah Niemietz at 615-815-3908 or sniemietz@tsba.net before you cancel your rooms.

The Tru by Hilton Murfreesboro

Rate: \$109
Group Code: TSBA SCOPE
Call: 615-895-3636
Online Reservations:
<https://bit.ly/2TU9LRq>

Home2 Suites by Hilton Murfreesboro

Rate: \$129
Group Code: TSBA SCOPE
Call: 615-895-2929
Online Reservations:
<https://bit.ly/2DTs6ZB>

Embassy Suites Murfreesboro

Rate: \$179 single/double;
\$189 triple/quad
Group Code: TSB
Call: 615-890-4464
Online Reservations:
<https://bit.ly/2SLmB3k>

Hilton Garden Inn Murfreesboro

Rate: \$159
Group Code: TSBA
Call: 615-225-2345
Online Reservations:
<https://bit.ly/2PZlgaJ>

2019 DEBATE TOPICS

- 1) High school graduation requirements shall include several pathways/options (college and career, industry credentials, etc.) that allow students to graduate with a regular high school diploma.
- 2) Students shall have the option of substituting club sports for physical education requirements.
- 3) Fighting on school grounds or during school activities shall be a zero-tolerance offense.
- 4) For purposes of honors recognition at graduation, the board shall use the Latin System (i.e. summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude) instead of selecting a valedictorian and salutatorian.

2019 SCOPE OFFICERS



(L-R):
1st Vice President Kevin Loo, Dobyns-Bennett High School, Kingsport;
President Emily Morgan, Maryville High School, Maryville;
2nd Vice President Abhi Manda, Central Magnet School, Rutherford County