

Tennessee School Boards Association

SCOPE

STUDENT CONGRESS ON POLICIES IN EDUCATION

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 • MTSU Student Union Center

On March 10, TSBA will host the 2020 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. National recording artist duo WILLIAMS will provide a “stand together” program that helps bring awareness to the critical issue of bullying. The program encourages positive behavior to create a school climate for learning and academic achievement.

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 2021 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 |
| 9:45 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 2021 Officers |
| 2:50 p.m. | Presentation to 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 25, 2020. **The registration fee for SCOPE is \$60 per student** and must be received by TSBA prior to the meeting on March 10, 2020. 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 17, 2020** to receive the TSBA member rate. If anyone in your system is not able to attend, please call or email Brittany Massey at 615-815-3908 or bmassey@tsba.net before you cancel your rooms.

**Hilton Garden Inn
Murfreesboro**
Rate: \$129
Group Code: 2020 TSBA
SCOPE BLOCK
Call: 615-225-2345
Online Reservations:
<https://bit.ly/34t2Vqd>

**Home2 Suites by Hilton
Murfreesboro**
Rate: \$114
Group Code: 2020 TSBA
SCOPE BLOCK
Call: 615-895-2929
Online Reservations:
<https://bit.ly/2RYjwiV>

**Embassy Suites
Murfreesboro**
Rate: \$179
Group Code: TSB
Call: 615-890-4464
Online Reservations:
<https://bit.ly/394Zt8L>

**Tru by Hilton
Murfreesboro**
Rate: \$114
Group Code: 2020 TSBA
SCOPE BLOCK
Call: 615-895-3636
Online Reservations:
<https://bit.ly/2toZtQG>

2020 DEBATE TOPICS

- 1) Cyberbullying shall be a zero-tolerance offense.
- 2) The Uniform Grading Scale shall be adjusted to the traditional format.
- 3) Students with perfect attendance shall be exempt from final exams.
- 4) The school calendar shall be adjusted to a year-round schedule.

2020 SCOPE OFFICERS



(L-R):
1st Vice President Rishi Pillai, Nolensville High School, Williamson County;
President Charlotte Lange, Rossvie High School, Clarksville-Montgomery County;
2nd Vice President Ty Youngblood, Greeneville High School, Greenville.