

SCOPE

STUDENT CONGRESS ON POLICIES IN EDUCATION

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 • Belmont University

On March 7, TSBA will host the 2023 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 2024 SCOPE officers from among the day's speakers.

AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. Registration, Breakfast, and 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 2024 Officers
- 3:00 p.m. Adjournment

LOCATION

Belmont University

1900 Belmont Blvd.
Nashville, Tennessee 37212

Registration, group photos and breakfast begin at 8 a.m. (CST) in the R. Milton & Denice Johnson Center (Harrington Place Dining). The first general session begins at 9 a.m. (CST)

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.** Once registration has been submitted, TSBA will invoice the system for payment.

The deadline for registration is February 21, 2023. **The registration fee for SCOPE is \$60 per student** and must be received by TSBA prior to the meeting on March 7, 2023. The fee will cover the cost of breakfast, lunch, information packet, group photographs, and the final SCOPE Report. The fee for chaperones is \$18 and will cover the cost of breakfast, lunch and the information packet.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

TSBA has a room block at three hotels (see below). Hotel reservations must be made by February 6, 2023 to receive the TSBA 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 Nashville/Green Hills

Rate: \$224

Call: (615) 297-9979

Online Reservations:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=BNAGRHH&groupCode=SCOPE2&arrivaldate=2023-03-06&departuredate=2023-03-07&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Hilton Garden Inn Nashville

Rate: \$209

Call: (615) 369-5900

Online Reservations:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/scope2023hginnashville/>

Homewood Suites Nashville Vanderbilt

Rate: \$179

Online Reservations:

<https://group.homewood-suites.com/3zyqcn>

2023 DEBATE TOPICS

1. The Board shall have two student representatives who serve in a non-voting role.
2. Students shall have the option of substituting club sports for physical education requirements.
3. Submitting electronic threats shall be a zero-tolerance offense.
4. Every student must take the WorkKeys® assessment as part of a local graduation requirement.