



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
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Some other things to expect...

The Noise of Democracy: At KYA, students are encouraged, as bill sponsors, as candidates, and in debate, to speak about the issues that are important to them and their communities and confront the challenges facing Kentucky. The KYMCA does not censor or limit the discussion and no topics are considered off limits. Expect students at all grade levels to reflect the depth and breadth of issues current in society today: from sales taxes and speed limits to “heavier” topics like drug use, violent crime, and capital punishment. All bills being debated at a given conference are available online the week prior to its start date. Advisors are encouraged to review these bills and support their students in engaging those topics seriously, thoughtfully, and appropriately.

Finding the power of their voice: A primary goal of KYA is for students to embrace and gain confidence in the expression of their independent voice in the democratic process. Given a safe and constructive platform for a civil exchange of ideas, students may find their viewpoints confirmed or be persuaded to consider a differing viewpoint. Expect that students may disagree with or speak or vote against peers from their own delegation or a candidate from their own school or region. You may find that they disagree with you on particular issues. As their advisor and mentor you are uniquely positioned to let them know that they have a right to their own voice and viewpoint. If Y-Staff finds out an advisor has been telling a student how to vote or what to say when they speak, Premiere Delegation could be taken away from that delegation.