

CAMPAIGN EVENTS



THURSDAY AFTERNOON AT THE STATE CONVENTION

Upon arrival at the State Convention on Thursday, students will gather for a Meet the Candidates session while being served lunch at the hotel. The schedule below provides an overview of events for Thursday afternoon.

1. Thursday Schedule:

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| 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. | Registration |
| 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. | Formal Program and Speeches |
| 1:45 p.m. | Break, students take luggage to rooms |
| 2:30 p.m. | All students and advisors go to Capitol Steps |
| 2:45 p.m. | YIG Picture on Capitol Steps |
| 3:00 p.m. | Opening Joint Session |

2. During lunch, candidates are encouraged to visit with students, hand out literature, and recruit students to assist with their campaign.

3. The Secretary of State will conduct a formal program after lunch where each candidate is introduced.

4. Each candidate will be allowed a set time for an introductory speech.

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| a. Governor Candidates | 1 minute |
| b. Lieutenant Governor Candidates | 1 minute |
| c. Attorney General Candidates | 1 minute |
| d. Speaker of the House Candidates | 1 minute |
| e. Secretary of State Candidates | 3 minutes |

THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE STATE CONVENTION

Thursday night, the schedule will be as listed below.

1. Thursday night schedule:

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| 9:00 p.m. | Return from Programs and Break |
| 9:30 – 10:00 p.m. | Governor Candidates Debate |
| 10:00 – 10:45 p.m. | Meet the Candidates Session |
2. Students will gather at the hotel for the Gubernatorial Debate at 9:30 p.m.
3. The debate will be hosted in the hotel ballroom, with theater style seating and a stage for the candidates.
4. Members of the Print Press and Video News programs will conduct the debate, drafting questions ahead of time that focus on key policy issues facing our state.
5. Members of the audience will be permitted to submit questions for the candidates throughout the day at a table set up in the hotel atrium. There is no guarantee that all student questions will be used.
6. The Secretary of State, State Director, and Elections Coordinator reserve the right to screen all questions and make edits where necessary.
7. The exact format for the debate (length of opening statements, time for questions, etc.) will be determined by the State Director, Elections Coordinator, and media programs.
8. The debate will not last longer than 30 minutes.
9. Dress code for the debate is casual.

FRIDAY AT THE STATE CONVENTION

1. Friday afternoon, students will gather in the House Chamber at the Capitol for a Joint Session.
 - a. Candidates for Governor will make campaign speeches to the students.
 - b. Each Governor candidate will be allowed a one minute introductory speech.
 - c. Each Governor candidate will have five minutes for a speech.
2. All candidates should review and abide by the Campaign Guidelines related to speeches at this Joint Session.