

## National Tournament Qualification Requirements for House

Participating Students	Qualifiers
16-29	2
30-58	4
59-87	6
88-116	7 (Final Session Required)
117-145	8 (Final Session Required)
146+	9 (Final Session Required)

### Establishing Chamber Sizes

A Chamber shall seat no more than 29 contestants.

Participating Students ( <i>must give a speech or preside</i> )	Preliminary Chambers	Students who Advance to Final Session from each Preliminary Chamber (if applicable)	Final Session Requirement
16-29	1	Not applicable	Not applicable
30-58	2	8-12	Optional
59-87	3	6-8	Optional
88-116	4	4-6	Required
117-145	5	4-5	Required
146+	6 or more	3-4	Required

A district may have no Senate or one or two Senate Chambers and six or more House Chambers, as determined by the above formula. Non-qualifying (non-District Congress) Houses may also be held for regular merit points. No more than nine (9) students from a district may qualify to the National House of Representatives.

Contestants qualify to the National House of Representatives according to the number of *actual participants* in each chamber (number of students giving at least one speech). No district shall state or imply that if a student qualified in a previous event, that student may not enter the District Congress or imply that a student previously qualified cannot qualify for the National Congress.

**NEW IN 2018-2019: A greater number of students who compete in the House at their district tournament will qualify to the National Tournament beginning in the 2018-2019 school year. To accommodate for a quarterfinal round at the National Tournament, changes to the House advancement procedures and schedule will be coming soon.**

For more information, please consult the “Running the District Congressional Debate Tournament » National Qualification” section of this manual.

## National Qualification Levels

### National Qualification: Level 1

- 1.1 A district that meets the minimum schools and entries requirements is allowed **one** entry to the National Tournament per speech and debate event, as long as the event meets the four-entry minimum. Also, for Level 1 districts: