

How to Apply Audition for Mock Trial

One does not simply apply for Mock Trial, instead you must demonstrate your passion for being part of our very competitive team and very close family.

Step 1 – Read the following overview to determine if this is something you are excited to join.

Overview: Mock Trial gives students who are interested in law, public policy, and leadership an opportunity to gain knowledge and skills in legal analysis. The California Mock Trial Program is a statewide academic competition in which senior high schools compete at the county, state and national level. The trial itself is a simulation of a criminal case, in which students portray each of the principals in the cast of courtroom characters. Student teams study a hypothetical case, conduct legal research, and receive guidance from volunteer attorneys in courtroom procedures and trial preparation. Students participate as lawyers, witnesses, court clerks, and bailiffs, thus acquiring a working knowledge of our judicial system. Each team prepares both sides of the case: prosecution and defense in a criminal trial. The Mock Trial Program encourages young people to develop their analytical abilities and communication skills while gaining increased self-confidence.

Step 2 – Complete this interest form: <https://forms.gle/o8J56QdkgR2Tfwn16>

Step 3 - Attend the Club Interest Meeting at the beginning of the 2022-2023 School Year to get all the important dates.

Step 3 – Prepare for Auditions by attending practices at club meetings. Here you can decide what type of role you are interested in and practice for it.

Step 4 – Audition! The first night of auditions will be for students who want an attorney role, followed by a second night for students who want a witness role. Students who do not get assigned a specific attorney or witness role will fill in other important roles as clerk, bailiff, and understudies. There is always something to do!

How do you get class credit?

This is NOT a standard Period 7 class. **We do not meet during the period 7 class time.** Instead you will have 2 weekly meetings after school hours and some additional hours for scrimmages. After demonstrating your dedication throughout the season, you can register for the class during January. **It will appear as Quarter 3 credit only and is a CP level (4.0) class.** Which means you do not need to register with your counselor at this time, you would actually be deregistered once school starts if you do because we only enter grades for Quarter 3. Your teacher advisor will collect names and get you registered when the time comes.