

Junior Model United Nations (JMUN) Class Syllabus/Overview

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The main purpose of the Junior Model United Nations (JMUN) class is to prepare students for the San Diego County JMUN Conference to be held this year on April 21st and 22nd. The mission of the Conference is to develop a rewarding, empowering, and thought-provoking opportunity for young students to achieve an insightful understanding of the world around them and learn how they can be involved in improving our future. The JMUN class meets on Thursdays during lunch for 35 minutes. The class is mandatory for all ninth-grade students and provides one credit toward graduation for the year-long class. In addition to preparing for the Conference, the class teaches research, analysis, writing, and speaking skills as well as development of a global perspective.

The San Diego JMUN Conference is now in its 48th year. Each year, toward the end of the school year, students in grades six through nine throughout San Diego County spend two days discussing and providing solutions related to international issues in foreign policy, economics, diplomacy, peace, environment, human rights, and global equity. It is a Conference for “students and by students.” Local high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors provide the leadership. The Torah High School team leaders set the agendas and evaluate position and resolution papers that students submit before the actual conference. In addition, former students who participated in the JMUN Conference act as mentors to help the current JMUN students achieve their goals.