



WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH & GOVERNMENT

Page & 8th Grade Program

Page Program

Pages must be in grades 9-12.

Pages Responsibilities

1. Work in various program areas, handling page notes and other communication.
2. Check in with Page Table at the beginning of each session.

Special Assignments

Pages can request a "Special Assignment" to either the Secretary of State or Governor's Office. Advisors wishing to have one of their students fill this role should write a brief statement to the state office and include it with registration materials. The statement should explain why this individual would be an outstanding candidate for a "Special Assignment". If an 8th Grade Participant is chosen for a "Special Assignment" they would not participate in the 8th Grade Senate because assignments last for the entire session.

8th Grade Program

8th Grade participants must be in 8th grade, or equivalent. 8th grade participants will serve part of their time as pages in various program areas, and serve part of their time as a member of the 8th Grade House or Senate.

8th Grade House and Senate Responsibilities:

1. 8th Grade Senators and Representatives must sponsor a proposal, filled out using the appropriate "8th Grade Proposal Template". This must be filed by the date specified in the program calendar for inclusion in the Bill Book.
2. Study the subject of their proposal, and be knowledgeable about its general topic.
3. Use basics of parliamentary procedure during debate in 8th Grade House or Senate.
4. Act as a proponent for their proposal before the 8th Grade House or Senate.

5. 8th Grade Representative and Senators will not participate in legislative committees.

8th Grade House and Senate Chair

8th Grade House and Senate Chairs shall be in 10th, 11th or 12th grade, or equivalent, and have at least one year's prior experience in the Youth Legislature. 8th Grade Chairs will be elected at district events – positions will rotate between districts each year.

The 8th Grade Chairs **MUST** attend leadership training (dates available on the program calendar on page 4). They must also agree to assume and perform **ALL** the duties and responsibilities listed below:

8th Grade Chairs have the following responsibilities:

1. Preside over the discussion and debate of bills considered in the 8th Grade House or Senate. They shall ensure that the will of the majority prevails and that the rights of the minority are respected. They shall ensure that each bill is given thorough consideration.
2. Preserve order and decorum in the 8th Grade House or Senate, and answer all parliamentary inquiries. They should give instruction in parliamentary procedure as necessary.
3. Work with the 8th Grade House and Senate Clerk who will keep the docket and act as reading clerk for the chamber.
4. Introduce guest speakers that are scheduled to speak in the 8th Grade House or Senate.
5. They shall serve on a legislative committee.

8th Grade Clerk

1. The 8th Grade Clerk shall serve as recorder and custodian of the official copies of proposals for the 8th Grade House or Senate.
2. The 8th Grade Clerk shall perform the duties of the Chair in his/her absence. When assuming the Chair's duties, the 8th Grade Clerk shall appoint another committee member to serve as recorder.
3. The 8th Grade Clerk shall serve as a non-voting member of a legislative committee.

