



SEK-MUN 2019

MS Model UN 2019-2020

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What is Model UN?

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Model United Nations, commonly referred to as Model UN, is a simulation of the UN General Assembly, ECOSOC, UNESCO, or other UN bodies, which introduces students to the world of diplomacy, negotiation, and decision-making. In Model UN students have the opportunity to fulfill the role of an ambassador and make sure that a country's position is accurately represented regardless of the student's own beliefs. This strengthens skills including debating, writing, researching, public speaking, and solving complex problems.

This year, students will have the opportunity to participate in up to five conferences including the Greater Washington Conference on International Affairs (GWICIA)

in Washington, DC on Saturday, November 23, 2019, GMS Model UN practice on Friday, January 10 2020, SEK-MUN in Madrid, Spain from March 8-13, 2020, and the Fifth Annual GMS-MUN on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at GMS. Information about the two conferences outside of school are discussed on page two.

Each quarter students will be required to write country profiles, position statements, speeches, and resolutions for their country. In addition, students will be encouraged to watch and read the news about their country to better understand its culture and politics. Students are required to participate in both GMS in-house conferences. Parents are invited to attend these conferences.



GMS Model UN Conferences

Held annually, students debate issues in one of two committees. One conference will be held in January as a practice and the final conference will be held in June to complete a year of debate and research.



SEK-MUN

Our fifth annual trip to Madrid, Spain is an opportunity for students to visit another country and experience another culture by staying with a guest family and participating in the SEK-MUN conference March 8-13, 2020.

ACTIVITIES



Awards

Students win awards for outstanding writing and researching, as well as, best delegate in conference.



SEK-MUN

Last year a group of 12 delegates went to Madrid, Spain to compete in an international competition.

CONFERENCES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

GWCIA

November 23, 2019, Washington, DC, \$35/delegate

SEK-MUN

March 8-13, 2020, Madrid Spain, \$2642/delegate

FOR MORE INFORMATION

GWCIA: <https://www.gwcia.org/>
SEK-MUN: <http://www.sekmun-en.blogsek.es/>

Parent Information Night for
Trip to Madrid, Spain

September 17, 2019
5:00-6:00 p.m.
Room 701



To prepare students for researching and preparing documents for SEK-MUN, the classes travel to an Embassy.

How to support your delegate

Model UN is an elective, but your delegate will probably work harder in this class than any other class this school year. You can help at home by talking about world events, by allowing your delegate to join the UNAUSA (for free) to keep up-to-date in Model UN nationally, encouraging your delegate to attend a conference outside of school, and participating in fundraisers.

Talk about current events

Model UN is the perfect opportunity to talk about what's happening in the world with your delegate. Encourage your delegate to watch the news, read the newspaper or current event magazines, and talk about his/her country. The United Nations also has a media outlet that shares what is happening within the UN at <https://news.un.org/en/>.

Join UNA-USA

Have your delegate join the United Nations Association-United States of America ([UNA-USA](https://www.una-usa.org/)) network for youth leaders. It's free and it will keep your delegate up-to-date on what youth are doing in Model UN.

Encourage your delegate to attend a conference

While the school will host two in-house conferences, competing with students outside of the school is especially challenging. We have two opportunities with GWCIA in Washington, DC and SEK-MUN in Madrid, Spain. Both of these conferences will give your delegate the opportunity to meet other students from around the country and the world.

Participate in fundraisers

To help reduce the cost of conference fees, GMS-MUN will host a number of fundraisers throughout the year. Watch for details for the following fundraisers:

1. Chipotle Fundraiser (9/25/19)
2. California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser (TBA)



All of these fundraisers will help offset the cost for conference fees and transportation. Donations are also welcome to support scholarships.