

THE DENIS CLEARY MOOT COURT COMPETITION CONCORD CARLISLE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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GOALS:

- To provide an opportunity for students to learn about and debate significant U.S. Court cases
- To develop debate, advocacy, and communication skills
- To encourage critical thinking and logical argument

MEMBERSHIP:

Any student at CCHS is welcome to participate in Moot Court. Information will be made available through the school's morning announcements regarding registration for the competition.

PARTICIPATION:

Students, working in teams of two, act as attorneys in a simulated appeals court setting. The situation involved in Moot Court is that a trial has already taken place, and a judgment has been rendered. Issues of law are now being raised on appeal. Student attorneys present an oral argument on behalf of one of the two parties involved in the controversy.

The competition is structured as a single elimination bracket style tournament with the winning team of attorneys of each round advancing to a subsequent round until there are two teams remaining. Cases in the first three rounds are heard by faculty judges. In May the two final teams appear before a panel of Massachusetts State Court judges to argue the final case of the Moot Court season.

Cases for each round are selected by the Moot Court advisors and generally represent prominent decisions in United States legal history. Parents, students and faculty are invited to attend Moot Court sessions.