



Iowa Youth Congress (IYC) finalized its legislative agenda during Mock Congress in November 2022. This year, Iowa Youth Congress is focusing on the following five priority areas: Mental Health, Equity, Sex Education, Civic Engagement and Student Voice.

# IYC 2022-2023 Legislative Agenda

## Mental Health



**Mental Health Training For Teachers** – Require bi-yearly mandatory training for all educational personnel on student mental health.

## Equity



**Disability Education** – Require educators to educate on developmental and intellectual disabilities to dismantle the lack of awareness and knowledge surrounding students with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

**Inclusive Training For Teachers**– Require specific training to school faculty to promote diversity in the classroom.

## Sex Education



**Inclusive Sex Education** – Require sex education to be inclusive to all students and includes information about all types of contraceptive methods.

**Sexual Violence Prevention and Awareness** – Incorporate the addition of sexual violence awareness and prevention into the current K-12 sexual education curriculum.

## Civic Engagement



**Voter Registration** – Clarify and reinforce Iowa Code §48A.23 to expand youth voter registration.

## Student Voice



**Student Representation** – Require all Iowa schools to allow a minimum of one non-voting student member on school boards throughout Iowa to increase student voice and transparency in schools.

IYC was created by the Department of Human Rights (DHR) to enhance opportunity and broader representation of all Iowans in the government process. IYC provides youth of all backgrounds the opportunity to gain hands-on education in the subject areas of state government, democracy, advocacy, and civic engagement. IYC provides students the knowledge, abilities, and direction to advocate and enact change in their communities and at the state level for issues affecting youth.

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