



Iowa Youth Congress (IYC) finalized its legislative agenda during Mock Congress in November 2021. This year, Iowa Youth Congress is focusing on the following four priority areas: Education, Environment, Student Voice, and Equity.

IYC 2021-2022 Legislative Agenda

Education



Mental Health Curriculum – Require mental health education for students in grades 5-12 to be implemented through Iowa's districts and school Boards of Education.

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

Equity



Disability Education – Require additional training for educators to better identify, assist, and collaborate with students to accommodate any mental disabilities.

Subsidizing Activities – Expand the Student Activity Fund by providing money to school districts specifically to subsidize approved extracurricular activities.

Environment



School Recycling Plan – Reorder recycling in Iowa schools to emphasize the importance of proper waste management methods, and allocating funding and guidelines to do so.

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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