

To reach a better understanding of government, a dialogue is needed. An excellent way to start a dialogue is to bring people who have a better understanding of the subject into class. The class will be broken into 10 groups. Each group will select a category and then secure a guest speaker for the class. This is an assignment for the class. Each guest speaker will be worth 20 points. The guest speaker will need to be available for the entire class period. If multiple classes would like to secure the same speaker, that speaker will need to be available for each period.

Guest Speaker Categories:

Judge

The judge can be either a state or federal judge. This will offer insight into the workings of the judicial branch.

Lawyer

The lawyer may be a trial attorney, public defender, prosecuting attorney or another type. This will give insight to the rights entitled to citizens.

Police Officer

The officer may be from a local agency or Department of Public Safety. Again, this will offer insight to the rights entitled to citizens by the United States and State of Arizona Constitutions.

Mayor

Please limit the contact to Phoenix, Tempe, and Chandler. These are the areas that impact on Mountain Pointe. This will provide first hand knowledge of local government.

City Council Member

Please limit the contact to Phoenix, Tempe, and Chandler. These are the areas that have the greatest impact on the MP area. The council members will provide first hand knowledge of local government.

State Legislator

The legislator may either be a representative or senator. These speakers will enable the students to gain a better understanding of State government.

Governor

The Governor will provide insight into the executive branch for the State of Arizona.

Federal Legislator

This may be either a member of the House of Representatives or the US Senate. These speakers will enable the students to gain a better understanding of the Legislative Branch at the Federal level.

Democrats

One of the two major political parties, they will provide insight into the workings of the party at the local, state, and federal level.

Republicans

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