



## Interested in trying out for FMS's Champion Mock Trial Team??



**Read to find out more!**

**What is Mock Trial?** The Middle School Mock Trial Program is a hands-on extracurricular activity. Students portray roles as attorneys and witnesses for both sides of a fictional case which they role play in actual courtrooms at competition. Students are guided in their case through support of their teacher and attorney coaches. The program teaches the legal process and trial procedure. Through participation in the mock trial program, students will increase basic skills such as listening, speaking, writing, reading and problem analysis.

**Why is Forestbrook Middle School's Mock Trial Team special?** FMS's Mock Trial Team has had a legacy of success: wins at all local competitions; Most Effective Witness and Most Effective Attorney titles at all competitions; winning First Place at four of the last five South Carolina State Championships; and even winning First Place at the inaugural Battle of the Carolinas in 2014, beating all teams from both North and South Carolina. Our students are amazing, and with the help of their teacher and attorney coaches, we know what it takes to get to the top and stay there—HARD WORK, TEAMWORK, DEDICATION, and even FUN!

**Is Mock Trial a good fit for me?** The successful Mock Trial Team Member is comfortable speaking in public; critically reading text; writing; memorizing; thinking on his or her feet; and analyzing facts to formulate opinions, arguments, and questions. Strong team members are also flexible, creative, kind, dedicated, organized, and focused. Mock Trial is a commitment of time, both at our afterschool practices, and at home, where witnesses and attorneys will need to study their roles. We are a team; we work together and support one another at all times. In some cases, a student may need to step down from his or her role and be a team player by supporting another student who took his/her place. Our team works hard to maintain our legacy of success while also making time for fun and celebrations.

**Are you still interested? If so, keep reading and complete the entire packet to prepare for your Mock Trial audition – Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM in Ms. Almeida's Room (Drama Room -206). Please plan on calling your parent to pick you up. You could be finished anywhere from 3:50 to 5:50.**

## Mock Trial Candidate Information Sheet and Instructions

*Please fill out the information and follow the instructions below. Bring completed packet to your audition.*

First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

What email address is the best one to use to reach you? \_\_\_\_\_

1. What other afterschool activities do you already/plan to participate in at FMS and out of school? How many hours / days do you spend on these activities afterschool? Be specific.
2. Why do you want to join the FMS Mock Trial team?
3. Please ask two of your academic teachers to fill out a recommendation for you *prior to auditions Wednesday*. They received a link to this recommendation on email.
4. Read the attached practice case. Write a two-paragraph summary detailing which side of the case is stronger and why (Plaintiff Kenny Cheer vs. Defendant Davidson Middle School). You may write this on back or on a separate sheet of paper. Bring this with you to your audition.