



Neenah 2025

WFCAs State Hosting Proposal



Summary

In September 2023, the Neenah Joint School District will open the new [Neenah High School](#) in the Village of Fox Crossing. The new facility will offer over 110 new classrooms, a state-of-the-art auditorium, modern cafeteria, and a great location to host the 2025 WFCAs State Tournament.

The new high school is approximately 4 miles to the northwest of the current high school, which is being converted to a middle school, and 2.8 miles southwest of St. Mary's Catholic High School. Either site could serve as a secondary competition venue in the unlikely scenario where State could not fully fit inside the new high school.

In addition to featuring a growing Forensics program, Neenah features one of the largest Student Congress teams in the WFCAs. Neenah High School has a large and active forensics parents group and supportive administration.

Neenah would explore various venues for hosting the Student Congress competition, including utilizing the Winnebago County Courthouse, which successfully hosted the 2023 State Congress Competition, as that is Neenah's county courthouse too.

While a new high school presents some logistical adjustment the first year, the 2023-2024 school year will offer Neenah the opportunity to test and refine hosting capabilities as Neenah will host a WDCA invitational, a WFCAs invitational, a WFCAs Congress, the NCFL Green Bay Diocese Qualifier, and the WISDAA District 9 Festival, which will feature 35-40 schools. In other words, by April 2025, Neenah will have hosted numerous speech and debate events, ensuring past experience in a new facility will yield an excellent WFCAs State Tournament experience. As the heart of the Fox River Valley, there are hundreds of hotel rooms of all class levels located within a 20-minute drive from the high school.

After WFCAs' 2024 return to Dane County for State, a tournament in the Fox Valley would be a logical choice in the tournament rotation: 2022 Eau Claire (Western Wisconsin); 2023 Oshkosh (Lake Winnebago area); 2024 Sun Prairie (Madison-area); and 2025 Neenah (Fox Valley).

In addition to its own coaching staff, parents, and administration, other coaches of adjacent school districts have committed to assisting Neenah in its WFCAs State Tournament preparation and hosting activities.

A very large new facility; a growing and successful Forensics and Congress program; parental and administrative support; and the support of other schools in the region make Neenah the ideal choice for the 2025 WFCAs State Tournament.

Site Fast Facts:

Congress Venue: TBD (potentially returning to the Winnebago County Courthouse)

Competition Venues: 110+ at Neenah High School (160+ if using a secondary site within 5 miles of Neenah High School).

Auditorium Seating: 1000+

Enrollment: Approximately 2,000 students with large cafeteria area, parking lot, and other accommodations

Hotels: the greater Fox River Valley has [3,500 hotel rooms](#) at a variety of price points

