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At the Core of Civics Education in Oregon





Experiential Programs for Students



Mock Trial Competition & Program

Mock trial challenges students to assume the roles of attorneys and witnesses in a fictional trial. High school students compete at regional, state, and national levels. Elementary and middle school students practice their skills in the classroom.

We the People Competition & Program

Students test their knowledge of constitutional issues in a simulated congressional hearing. High school students can compete at regional, state, and national levels. Elementary and middle school students can participate in school-based hearings.

Law Day Conference

A conference for high school students. Workshops on a variety of legal, social, and political issues concerning youth are taught by scholars, activists, and other experts.

Courthouse Experience Tours

Students learn about the justice system and watch the law come alive through real cases during a guided tour of regional circuit courthouses.

Community Action Projects

Students identify a public policy issue and develop an action plan to address it. Work culminates in a class portfolio that may be part of an annual showcase at the Capitol.

Street Law

Law students from Lewis & Clark Law School teach street law in high school classrooms. Lessons cover a wide range of civil and criminal issues and emphasize the real ways in which the law applies to students' everyday lives.





Professional Development & Support for Teachers

Oregon Civics Conference for Teachers

The Oregon Civics Conference draws teachers from across the state for an insider's view of all three branches of government along with workshops on a range of civics and law-related topics.

Summer Institute

Summer Institute is an intense multi-day conference for grades 5-12 educators from around the state. The institute features content, strategies, and grade-level breakouts with local and national experts in civic education, government, social studies, and more.

Weekly Current Events

This online resource provides information and curated resource materials on current topics for teachers to use in their classroom, with connections to the Constitution, state standards, and We the People texts.

Professional Development

Civics Learning Project offers professional development throughout the year on topics including the Constitution, the justice system, strategies for addressing controversial issues, and many more. Workshops are led by scholars and experts in the fields of law and education.

Private Consultations

Teachers can consult with civic educators, attorneys, judges, and other professionals who provide guidance in lessons ranging from civics for kindergarten students to AP Government & Politics curriculum. Consultations are tailored to fit the individual needs of teachers.