



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEDERAL COURT FIELD TRIPS

United States District Court for
the Southern District of Indiana
Indianapolis, IN

**ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL TEACHERS,
FEDERAL COURT IS
FOR YOU!**

**Schedule Your FREE Field
Trip Today!**

To get started planning your trip,
contact tours@insd.uscourts.gov
or call (317) 229-3711

**Looking for Virtual
Options?**

Virtual field trips to federal court are a great alternative for classes that can't visit in-person. Please visit our website for options.

46 E. Ohio St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

WHAT CAN WE DO ON OUR VISIT TO FEDERAL COURT?

All trips are customized based on teacher input! Visits begin with a short orientation session, followed by a combination of building tour and activity. All field trips meet Indiana Department of Education standards in social studies and language arts! Applicable standards are listed on our website.

Activity choices include:

Citizen Rights (45 min.)

Students will learn about rights guaranteed to American citizens in our country's founding documents. They will then be the judge in a fictitious scenario that considers which rights are most essential to preserve.

Design A Federal Courthouse (30-45 min.)

Following a tour, students draw building plans for a new courthouse. They are asked to consider what needs might be most important based on what they learned about federal court.

Meet a Judge (30 min.)

*Subject to availability. What do federal judges do all day? Learn what it's like to be a judge in federal court in this 30-minute meet and greet.

Mock Trial *4th Grade and Up* (45-60 min.)

Put a fairy tale character on trial in a scripted mock trial for grades 4 and up! Students will be assigned roles such as judge, attorney, witness, and jury in a fun simulation of a federal court proceeding.

Objects & Images of Federal Court (30-45 min.)

Students examine objects and images related to federal court and work together to determine the purpose of each object.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Visiting Federal Court



Educator Updates Distribution List

Teachers, stay informed about the court's latest offerings, special events, and new resources! Sign up at the court's website!

<https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/educational-resources>



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HOW SOON SHOULD WE RESERVE A DATE?

Federal court is a busy place, so the earlier you contact us to schedule a visit, the more likely the court will be able to accommodate your preferred day and time. However, we're happy to take last-minute reservations when possible.

HOW LONG CAN WE STAY?

The average visit lasts 1.5-2 hours, but each trip is different, depending on the activities selected! Court staff will help you determine the length of your visit when scheduling. If you wish to spend your entire day downtown, there are a number of venues within walking distance to the courthouse that provide fun field trips for elementary school students. We will be happy to make recommendations and assist with planning!

WHERE ARE YOU LOCATED?

The U.S. District Court is located in downtown Indianapolis at 46 E. Ohio St., about a block from Monument Circle. The building's public entrance is located at the corner of Pennsylvania & Ohio Streets. Buses may drop students off on Ohio St.

IS THERE PARKING NEARBY?

There is no parking available at the courthouse. For passenger vehicles, there are parking garages and metered spaces located in short walking distance from the courthouse. Bus drop offs can be accommodated on Ohio St. Buses can park at the zoo and return to pick up students upon completion of the field trip.

ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL COVID RESTRICTIONS?

Group sizes may be limited and masks may be required. Please visit our website for the most current information, or contact court staff.

WHAT OTHER RESOURCES DO YOU OFFER ELEMENTARY TEACHERS?

A student activity book offering elementary school-aged children a basic introduction to the federal court system is available on our website.

Download a copy by visiting <https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/educational-resources>.