



HIGH SCHOOL FEDERAL COURT FIELD TRIPS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

46 E. OHIO ST.
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

**HIGH 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. To view a list of options, please visit our website.

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AN UP-CLOSE LOOK AT THE FEDERAL COURTS!

Tour the historic Birch Bayh building and participate in an engaging activity designed to increase students' knowledge of the federal courts! All field trips meet Indiana Department of Education standards in U.S. Government and Language Arts! Applicable standards are listed on our website.

Activity choices:

Finding a Fair & Impartial Jury (45 min.)

Students will learn about jury service and then participate in a simulation of jury selection.

You Be the Judge (30-45 min.)

Students will learn how judges make criminal sentencing decisions and then take the role of judges in a mock-sentencing activity.

Meet a Judge (30 min.)

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

Observe Court (30+ min.)

Watch a courtroom proceeding in action! Please note that this option is subject to availability. It may be necessary to substitute a different activity.

Scripted Mock Trial (45-60 min.)

Students play the roles of judge, attorneys, witness, and juror in a fun simulation of a federal court proceeding.

Student Rights & Responsibilities (45 min.)

This activity will demonstrate what rights students have on and off school property. Students will examine relevant cases and make guesses as to the outcomes. The court's decisions will then be revealed. A discussion will follow.

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 2-2.5 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. We are 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 off students 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 COVID RESTRICTIONS?

Group sizes may be limited and masks may be required. Check our website for updated information or contact court staff.

WHAT OTHER RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

Teacher lesson plans related to the federal courts are available on our website at <https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/educational-resources>.