# **Educator Update**

# United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana







# Message to Teachers

Thank you for your continued support of educational outreach programming at the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. We have been busy updating tour options and providing new resources for classroom use. In this newsletter, you will find more information about our new offerings. Please contact us if you have any questions (tours@insd.uscourts.gov).

# Educator Updates Distribution List

To sign up for email updates about new programs and teacher resources, please visit

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

## FIELD TRIPS

It's time to schedule your FREE fall or spring field trip! Reservations are made on a first-come, first-serve basis. While the court gladly accepts last-minute reservations whenever possible, early reservations are the best way to ensure availability of your preferred day/time. Please send an email to tours@insd.uscourts.gov to schedule your class trip today!

## **NEW Field Trip - Observe a Naturalization Ceremony!**

(1.5 hours) Bring your class to watch a naturalization ceremony presided over by a judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. Ceremonies take place at the Indiana War Memorial in downtown Indianapolis. Students will learn about the naturalization process and what it takes to become an American citizen. They will witness a ceremony and learn about the Oath of Allegiance. Following the ceremony, court staff will lead a discussion about citizenship and naturalization. For more information, please email tours@insd.uscourts.gov.

#### **Old Favorite - Courthouse Tours!**

(1 hour) Embark on a tour of the historic Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse located in downtown Indianapolis. Tours include a mix of history, architecture, and introduction to the federal courts. Additional activities can be added from a list of age-appropriate choices. Visit <a href="https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/tours-and-field-trips">https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/tours-and-field-trips</a> for more information on activities. To schedule a tour, email tours@insd.uscourts.gov.

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# 2020 TEACHER INSTITUTE ANNOUNCED!

Watch your email for information about the court's 2020 Summer Teacher Institute, a new program for Indiana educators offered by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. The FREE workshop will focus on the workings of the federal judiciary and court-related agencies! Teachers will gain useful ideas/materials for classroom use.

Registration will begin in early spring 2020. Space will be limited - subscribe to the Educator Updates distribution list to be alerted when registration opens!



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#### LESSON PLANS NOW AVAILABLE!

NEW for the 2020 school year! The United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana is pleased to present a new series of lesson plans about the federal courts and related government topics. These lesson plans are perfect for adaptation to middle school or high school classroom use. Current offerings include:

NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP
KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS

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

Subscribe to our Educator Updates distribution list to be the first to know when future lesson plans are launched!

## STUDENT ACTIVITY BOOK NOW AVAILABLE!

NEW for the 2020 school year! The United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana is pleased to present a student activity book offering children a basic introduction to the federal court system. This activity book is designed for grade school and middle school students. Download a copy today by visiting <a href="https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/educational-resources.">https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/educational-resources.</a>

#### FINANCIAL LITERACY TOPICS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Indiana has partnered with CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education), a national volunteer organization that provides free financial literacy presentations. Topics for high school audiences include responsible use of credit cards, student loans, and general money management principles. For more information on how to schedule a presentation at your school, please contact Chris Muniz, local coordinator of the Indianapolis Chapter, at Chris.Muniz@insb.uscourts.gov or (317) 229-3839.