



FEDERAL COURT FIELD TRIPS

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

**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.

46 E. Ohio St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

WHAT CAN WE DO ON OUR VISIT TO FEDERAL COURT?

Itineraries are customized based on teacher input! Visits typically include a building tour and age-appropriate activity. Visits last 1-2.5 hours, depending on selections. Middle School and High School students will visit the Federal Court Learning Center as part of their tour.

All field trips meet Indiana Department of Education standards in social studies and language arts!

Elementary School Activities

Design A Federal Courthouse

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 during their tour.

Objects & Images of Federal Court

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

Middle & High School Activities

Finding a Fair & Impartial Jury

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

Scripted Mock Trial

Students will be assigned roles such as judge, attorney, witness, and jury in a fun, age-appropriate, simulation of a federal court proceeding.

You be the Judge

Students learn how judges select appropriate criminal sentences then participate in a mock sentencing activity.

Meet a Judge -or- Observe Court*

*Subject to availability. Chat with a federal judge or watch a courtroom proceeding in action! Both options are subject to availability and a different activity may be substituted at the last minute.

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 request. However, we're happy to take last-minute reservations when possible.

HOW LONG CAN WE STAY?

The average visit lasts 1-2.5 hours, but each trip is different depending on the activities selected! Court staff will help you determine the length of your visit when scheduling.

HOW MANY STUDENTS CAN WE BRING?

We can only accommodate 50-60 students at a time. If you have a larger group, we ask that you split into two groups, with each taking a turn at the courthouse while the other group tours a nearby venue such as the Statehouse or Indiana War Memorial.

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.

WHAT OTHER RESOURCES DO YOU OFFER TEACHERS?

Teacher lesson plans and a student activity book offering a basic introduction to the federal court system are available on our website. Download these valuable resources at <https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/educational-resources>.