



# HIGH SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN

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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!

### Activity choices include:

#### **Finding a Fair & Impartial Jury (45 min.)**

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

#### **Observe a Naturalization Ceremony (1.5 hours)**

Learn about the naturalization process and what it takes to become a U.S. citizen. Students will witness a ceremony and learn the power behind the words spoken in the Oath of Allegiance. A short discussion will follow the ceremony. Ceremonies take place at the Indiana World War Memorial. Allow 1.5 hours for the ceremony and discussion.

#### **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.

#### **Taking a Stand: Drug Testing in Schools (45 min.)**

In this modified debate, students will be asked to decide where they stand on drug testing in schools. Students will then be asked to explain their position. A debate will follow.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## VISITING FEDERAL COURT



### QUESTIONS?

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### HOW SOON SHOULD WE RESERVE A DATE?

It's never too early to reserve your 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 whenever 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?

Unfortunately, there is no parking available at the courthouse. For passenger vehicles, there are a number of 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 ARE AVAILABLE?

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