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. Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are here to support you in your endeavor to instruct students about the function of the federal courts. Please contact us if we can be of assistance to you by sending an email to 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 TRIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPRING 2022

In-Person Visits:

*Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, group size may be limited.

Tour the historic Birch Bayh Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse, meet a judge (subject to availability), and participate in a mock trial, jury selection, or sentencing activity. Visits are fully customizable and include a mix of art/architecture, history, and civics education related to the federal courts.

A full menu of activities by age group is available on our website at https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/tours-and-field-trips.

For inquiries, or to schedule a field trip, please email tours@insd.uscourts.gov.

Virtual Visits:

If you're unable to visit the courthouse in person, join us on Zoom for a fun virtual visit! Many of the activities available during an in-person outing have been customized for a virtual environment. For a complete list of activities, visit our website at

https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/sites/insd/files/Virtual%20Visits%20-%20Fall%202020.pdf.

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY RECORDINGS

Did you know that video footage of recent naturalization ceremonies conducted by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana is available on YouTube? These short videos will give students an inside look at the final step in the U.S. Citizenship process.

A playlist of available ceremonies is available at: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?
list=PLxWrsZHnDb2OPoouL3QTU3Dwo6CQ0Bb-F

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Program Highlight: Bill of Rights Day 2021



In fall 2021, students across Indiana, as well as students in neighboring states, competed for a chance to win \$500 grand prizes in a variety of categories. Submissions included essays, poems, songs, videos, and art on the importance of the Bill of Rights from students in grades 3-12.

Indiana had several finalists and one grand prize winner. Congratulations to Rory Kopp of Bloomington, Indiana, who won \$500 in the Elementary Essay prize category!

Full details, along with a complete list of finalists and grand prize winners, can be found on the Judicial Learning Center's website at https://www.judiciallearningcenter.org/bill-of-rights-day.

We hope you join the fun next year!



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NEW EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ROUNDUP

Student Cases - A roundup of Supreme Court cases involving students issues, including synopsis and discussion questions is now available on our website at https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/educational-resources. Go to "Lesson Plans & Teacher Resources" and click on "The Bill of Rights and You."

Supreme Court - The U.S. Supreme Court recently updated its online exhibits and student activities with new content perfect for your classroom!

Activities - https://www.supremecourt.gov/visiting/activities.aspx

Exhibits - https://www.supremecourt.gov/visiting/exhibition.aspx

U.S. Courts - A new video on Judicial Impartiality is available at https://youtu.be/FNGMgrSP6r8.

Lesson plans, links to educational videos, and our popular student activity book can be downloaded at

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

2022 TEACHER INSTITUTE - SAVE THE DATE!

Join us on June 15-16, 2022 for our annual Federal Court Teacher Institute! This immersive 2-day program will give teachers an exclusive look at the workings of the federal court system. For early registration, visit our website at https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/teacher-institute.

FINANCIAL LITERACY TOPICS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) is a national, nonprofit financial literacy program that uses financial experts to teach young adults the basics of personal finance. The Indianapolis chapter of CARE provides students with interactive virtual presentations of topics such as credit cards, credit scores, student loans, budgeting, and personal financial management skills - all for FREE! To sign up, fill out a form on the <u>CARE Indianapolis website</u>, and a CARE coordinator will contact you. For more information, visit https://care4yourfuture.org/indianapolis.