

Your classroom just got a new resource. Here's how to make the most of it.

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On the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, your students get to shape the next 250 years. We want to help them understand their civic power and dream about what this nation will look like under their leadership.

The legal professional who dropped off this basket has pledged to visit a classroom in your school on (or around) Constitution Day, September 17, 2026—bringing a ready-to-go, age-appropriate civics lesson with them. No prep required on your end.

This visit is part of a statewide initiative led by the Washington State Supreme Court and the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA), in partnership with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, connecting legal professionals with K-12 teachers and students across Washington.

What this program includes:

- Lessons are scripted and ready to deliver—no prep needed from the teacher
- All student handouts are provided and printable in advance
- Volunteers are matched to your school by location and availability
- Background checks are completed before any visit
- Volunteer time counts as pro bono service—a meaningful professional commitment for your legal visitor

Note: Schools receiving federal funding are required to provide Constitution Day programming on or around September 17. This visit fulfills that requirement at no cost.



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What the lesson looks like

Your volunteer comes prepared with everything needed: a scripted, standards-aligned lesson plan, all student handouts, and a cleared background check. Through role-playing, courtroom simulations, and personal stories, volunteers bring curriculum to life and demonstrate important life skills. Lessons are organized by grade band and cover topics like:

- Constitution Day: Outline for Talks to Large Groups or Assemblies (Grades K-12)
- Rights and Responsibilities / Rules and Laws (Grades 4-6)
- Introduction to the Bill of Rights (Grades 4-8)
- Scripted mock trials — students play attorneys, witnesses, judge, and jury (Grades K-12)
- No Vehicles in the Park: statutory interpretation and constitutional reasoning (Grades 5-12)
- The Trial Process / Theft Mock Trial (Grades 5-12)
- Tips and judging for debate, civic, and mock-trial competitions (Grades K-12)
- Encouraging students to consider a career in law or a service field working toward justice (Grades K-12)

VIEW THE FULL LESSON LIBRARY AT [COURTS.WA.GOV/EDUCATION/LAWYERS](https://courts.wa.gov/education/lawyers).

Ready to plan your visit?

Reach out to connect with a volunteer, request a specific lesson, or ask any questions:

- **Email:** lawyersintheclassroom@courts.wa.gov
 - Subject line: "Lawyer in the Classroom Request"
 - For a Judge in the Classroom: judgesintheclassroom@courts.wa.gov
- **Learn more:** courts.wa.gov/education/lawyers



Your legal partner for Constitution Day

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This doesn't have to end on September 17.

The Lawyers in the Classroom program connects Washington teachers with volunteer legal professionals year-round—not just on Constitution Day. Many volunteers go on to build lasting relationships with their school, returning semester after semester as a trusted classroom resource. The program is open to both public and private schools, K-12, at no cost. Volunteers can also partner together to co-present.