FREE Professional Development

We the People: Civics That Empowers All Students

Become part of the We the People network—a nationwide K-12 civic education professional development and implementation network, impacting more than 100,000 teachers and 30 million students since inception!

What Will I Get?

- 52 hours of free professional development in a learning community with mentors and other teachers, beginning with an in-person summer institute!
- Free set of We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution textbooks and teacher's guide.
- A stipend for completing research requirements!

Who Is Eligible?

- Teachers in grades 4-8 who work with classes of 30% or more high-need students (Title 1 schools, students of color, students with disabilities, English learners, or other underserved students).
- No prior experience participating in professional development or teaching We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution.

Our Goals!

- Increase underserved grades 4-8 students' attainment of state civics standards, related literacy standards, and SEL competencies while creating inclusive learning environments.
- Support high-quality professional development for diverse teachers.
- Study the effectiveness of the enhanced We the People professional development program at improving teacher and student outcomes.

LEARN MORE

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This project is funded by the Supporting Effective Educator Development Program of the U.S. Department of Education.
Teachers of upper elementary and middle grades (4-8) are invited to take part in a professional development program based on the Center for Civic Education’s We the People (WTP) curriculum, an innovative course of instruction on the history, principles, and institutions of the U.S. government. Since 1987, over 75,000 educators and 30 million students have taken part in We the People. The PD program will employ the latest evidence-based practices in civic education, literacy, and SEL to address engagement and achievement disparities faced by underserved students that increased markedly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Accessible curriculum and dynamic pedagogy!  

Randomized control trial studies of high-need students conducted by the Civic Education Research Lab (CERL) at Georgetown University found significant positive learning effects from We the People.

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<td>Increase in student knowledge after taking a WTP class</td>
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“This program really fosters student engagement.”  “I liked the activities that went along with the lessons. It helped my students with higher thinking.”

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The We the People curriculum is an innovative course of instruction on the history and principles of the government of the United States for grades 3-12.

**BENEFITS**

All purchasers of *We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution* textbooks receive a wealth of benefits:

- Research-backed curriculum that has been proven in classrooms nationwide since 1987
- Pre-recorded professional development introduction webinar
- Use of the *We the People Open Course*, providing context for every lesson of the high school textbook
- Access to student and teacher online resource centers and bonus lesson plans to further support implementation
- Opportunities for mentorship
- Membership in national professional learning community
- Correlation to state social studies standards

* A $2,000 VALUE! *

**PURCHASES OF 5 OR MORE SETS**

Everything listed above, plus:

- Access to two virtual live professional development events
- Discount on additional live sessions

* A $5,000 VALUE! *

**PURCHASES OF 15 OR MORE SETS**

Everything listed above, plus:

- An extended, content-based professional development session with a scholar and your local state coordinator customized to your school or district

* A $10,000 VALUE! *

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**AT A GLANCE**

**Innovative Curriculum:** We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution engages students in an in-depth, interactive study of the foundations and fundamental principles of the U.S. Constitution. This innovative civics curriculum includes textbooks, teacher professional learning, and empowering experiential learning activities for students that illuminate the history, principles, and importance of U.S. constitutional democracy.

**Authentic Assessment:** Students can participate in state and national simulated congressional hearing showcases and competitions as the culminating performance assessment in high school and middle school and school-based showcases in elementary school.