



OCLRE

The Ohio Center for Law-Related Education

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01 About OCLRE

The Ohio Center for Law-Related Education (OCLRE) provides Ohio's students and teachers with exciting academic programs and resources designed to engage students in learning about our government, law, and the importance of active citizenship.

Mission: To improve society by developing citizens empowered with an understanding of our democratic system.

Programs

Ohio Mock Trial
Middle School Mock Trial
High School We the People
Middle School We the People
Moot Court

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05 Program Descriptions

We the People

High School & Middle School

We the People...The Citizen and the Constitution is an instructional program for High School and Middle School students which teaches the history and principles of the American constitutional democracy while enhancing students' understanding of government. We the People has a built-in authentic performance assessment: simulated congressional hearings. The simulated hearings allow students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles.

Students will have the opportunity to evaluate, take, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues. Students act as expert witnesses and "testify" their constitutional knowledge in the format of simulated congressional hearings. A volunteer judging panel- comprised of constitutional scholars, attorneys, and policymakers- evaluate students' responses and ask follow-up questions that expands students' knowledge.



Moot Court

High School

Moot Court focuses on the appellate court process and is designed to provide students the opportunity to present a simulated oral argument and respond to questions posed by a panel of volunteer judges. Arguments are evaluated on the application of the law to the facts of the case.

By focusing on the applicability of Constitutional law to current legal issues, students get an opportunity to strengthen critical thinking skills and increase their understanding of the Constitution and judicial system.

Mock Trial

High School & Middle School

Students participate in an unscripted, simulated trial based on an original case. Students take on the roles of attorneys, witnesses, bailiffs, and timekeepers. Two teams take part in the trial simulation, one representing the prosecution and the other representing the defense.

Mock Trial teams work with an attorney or a judge to prepare their case – from both the plaintiff and defense perspective. Competitions at the district, regional and state levels are conducted in an actual courtroom and are scored by panels of lawyers and judges.



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Citizenship to Life**

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