

Additional Organizations Engaged in Civics & Citizenship

Albert Shanker Institute

Affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers, the Albert Shanker Institute is a nonprofit organization established in 1998 dedicated to shaping democracy, education, and unionism by bringing leaders from business, labor, government, and education.

AllSides Education Fund

A 2023 initiative of AllSides (a news literacy nonprofit), Living Room Conversations and Mediators Foundation, focused on providing services and products to civic educators across the nation. The intent is to increase the next generation's civic knowledge and capacity to interact with differing viewpoints.

Annette Strauss Institute at University of Texas at Austin

Founded in 2000, this organization cultivates upcoming civic leaders in Texas. It has a civic education program for 3rd-12th grade high school students, a Texas Civic Ambassadors program that gives college students a year of civic education and service, and yearly gatherings revolving around impact on Texas civic life.

Arizona Civics Coalition

Provides K-12 civic education and engagement opportunities for educators, schools, and communities in partnership with a statewide network of organizations.

BridgeUSA

Founded in 2016, this youth-led nonprofit focuses on facilitating dialogue on high school and college campuses to transcend the sociopolitical divides and foster a sense of community among young Americans. It is based on 50 college campuses, including Notre Dame, CU-Boulder, UC Berkeley, Stanford, George Washington University, George Mason University, and Northwestern University. Also has 24 high school chapters.

Character.org

Organization of educators, researchers, business and civic leaders that advocate for the development of community-oriented character in education and enterprises. Founded in 1993, its signature work is a widely followed *11 Principles Framework for Schools: A Guide to Cultivating a Culture of Character*.

Choices Program at Brown University

This program has produced curriculum units for U.S. History, World History, Current Issues and Geography. These courses require critical historical thinking and document analysis.

Civic 101: A Podcast

Civic 101 is a podcast dedicated to educating Americans on the basics of how the U.S. government operates. Each episode focuses on different topics in civics and American history, including the Declaration of Independence, midterm elections, and the Electoral College.

Civic Education Center (Central Valley, California)

Civic Education Center imparts civic, citizen, and communal values into K 12 students and has a nationwide network of schools to this end.

Civic Life Project

A civic filmmaking group that advocates for youth civic education and engagement by way of visual storytelling for civic educators and community leaders.

Civic Nation

Civic Nation is dedicated to building a more inclusive America via a network of national initiatives and organizations whose mission is to strengthen democracy and connect communities. It seeks to engage and educate Americans on critical issues.

Civic Nebraska

Dedicated to “strengthening democracy in Nebraska” by way of youth education, civic engagement and civic discourse programs as well as community civic training and programs across the state’s towns, neighborhoods and cities.

Civics Reasoning and Discourse

A collaborative research initiative developing resources and curricula for civic education across the nation. Experts hail from Northwestern, George Washington U, UC Berkeley, UC Riverside, Tufts, University of Pennsylvania, Claremont Graduate, iCivics, Center for Civic Education, the Institute for Citizens and Scholars, Education Counsel and more.

Core Knowledge

Founded by E.D. Hirsch Jr. in 1986, it has created a curriculum and a network of “Core Knowledge schools” that seek to impart preschoolers through 8th graders with foundational knowledge on math, English, science and social studies. Recent work includes some civics units.

Democracy Renewal Project at Public Agenda

Democracy Renewal Project will apply Public Agenda’s “Research Accelerator model” to the question of how to maximize voter participation, strengthen public trust in elections and increase general care for democracy.

Do Good Institute at University of Maryland

Provides University of Maryland students with civic education, curricula, projects, events, fellowships and internships from freshman fall to senior spring.

EDSITEment

Provides a hub of civic, history and social studies curricula, teacher’s guides, lesson plans, media resources and student activities to promote grade-school learning.

Florida Joint Center for Citizenship (University of Central Florida & University of Florida)

Provides K-12 Civics Curricula, the Civics360 website for middle school civics learning, a Civics in Real Life series, a Civics in Real Time podcast, a digital election platform and webinar professional development for civics educators.

Generation Citizen

Generation Citizen started in 2008 as a student project at Brown University. It now aids over 25,000 students across the United States. Offers students tools and resources to become more civically engaged and educated.

Great Hearts Academies

Highly regarded charter-school network with emphasis on classical education. Its “What So Proudly We Hail” initiative provides free, literary-based curricula for American history, social studies, civics and language arts. Includes short stories, speeches, songs, blogs and full lesson plans in addition to texts.

Guardians of Democracy Teachers

Created by partnership of the Lou Frey Institute of University of Central Florida and IllinoisCivics, this organization provides resources, lesson plans and curricula, professional development and networks for 6-12 civic educators.

Hanna & Van Atta

Prominent attorney John Paul Hanna has written several books meant to help the ordinary citizen, particularly teenagers, understand the law.

Hudson Institute

DC-based think tank analyzes and offers solutions for the nation's key social, educational and economic issues. Signature works include the 1977 *Our Children's Crippled Future*, which helped sound the alarm on the decline in education, and the *Workforce 2000* study that highlighted the change in the American workforce.

Illinois Civics Hub

The Illinois Civics Hub is the Illinois Department of Education's center for civic education implementation.

Made by Change

Made by Change is a “social-equity and impact consulting firm” that analyzes inequities in public and private ecosystems and supports redesigning the systems.

Michigan Center for Civic Education

Founded in 1982, the MCCE funds programs for Michigan high school students such as mock trial, We the People and Project Citizen to give immersive civic education.

National Conference on Citizenship

Chartered by Congress in 1953, the NCoC measures civic health on a community level and bolsters it by way of government partnerships, community collaborative networks, civic-leadership networks and annual civic conventions.

National Institute for Civic Discourse

The National Institute for Civic Discourse is network of academics, researchers and teachers that promote positive discourse and community action. It is active in 17 states.

Nevada Center for Civic Engagement

Founded in 2016, the NVCCE funds a number of school programs and curriculums geared toward civic learning for students in grades 1-12. These programs include We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution; Project Citizen; National History Day in Nevada; and Law Day.

New Hampshire Civics

Founded in 2016, this organization has taught 7,161 students in civic behaviors, trained 1,482 teachers and served 45,808 citizens with its public civics events.

Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement

Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement is philanthropy network infrastructure dedicated to the promotion of civic engagement and knowledge in America, as well as advocacy for civic philanthropy in general.

Public Education Division of the American Bar Association

Provides resources and programs for educators, students, journalists, legal professionals and the general public for understanding of the law and legality.

Red and Blue Works

Red and Blue Works is dedicated to improving civic education in the United States. Its report offered potential improvements to civic learning and called for collaboration among different organizations and communities.

Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement

Named after former Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell (2003-11), the Center provides resources, programs and events to K-8 and high school students throughout Pennsylvania pertaining to civics, citizenship and community action.

Rural Assembly

The Rural Assembly promotes investment in rural community services, opportunities, and education. It annually holds campaigns, events, and assemblies for rural leaders and advocacy groups to meet, network, and develop solutions.

The Civics Center

The Civics Center is an organization that assists young Americans in registering to vote.