



Civic Learning for a Strong Democracy (www.civiclearningweek.org)

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What is Civic Learning Week?

Civic Learning Week 2024 seeks to highlight the importance of civic education in sustaining and strengthening constitutional democracy in the United States.

By highlighting the civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions gained in the classroom that provide the foundation for an informed and engaged populace, Civic Learning Week seeks to further energize the movement to prioritize civic education across the nation.

Our Why

Civic education is needed more than ever to provide each and every person across this country with the necessary tools to engage as members of our self-governing society. We know that the best civic learning happens both in and outside of the classroom, and is a lifelong endeavor touching every facet of society. In order to underscore the need for prioritization of civic learning across the country, Civic Learning Week brings together students, educators, policymakers, and leaders in the public and private sectors to highlight and further energize the movement for civic education in states and across the nation.

Goals of Civic Learning Week

- Providing elementary and secondary school students with positive and engaging civic learning opportunities;
- Engaging the public around the importance of civic education and elevating it as a national priority;
- Providing a mechanism for educators, students, coalition partners, business leaders, and other community members to connect at the local level and beyond around a shared commitment to civic education.

Who Can Participate in Civic Learning Week?

Everybody! We know that civic learning happens both inside and outside of the classroom.

- **Educators** can gain and provide insight and inspiration, sharing the latest effective teaching practices and innovations, and joining in shared civic learning opportunities throughout the week.
- **Students** will have the opportunity to engage in shared civic learning opportunities throughout the week with other students across the nation.
- **Community members** will be able to participate in a series of events, organized by strand to highlight the key role different groups (e.g., business leaders, members of the military) play in ensuring high-quality civic education is accessible for each and every student across the nation.

Check out our events listing and/or add your own:

civiclearningweek.org

Interested in partnership opportunities around Civic Learning Week?

Contact us at clw@icivics.org

National Events

- Forgotten No More: Civic Seals and Re-Affirming the Civic Mission of Schools (Virtual)
- Civic Learning Week Opening Forum
- Gaming for Democracy (Virtual)
- Civic Education as a Matter of National Security (Virtual)
- Featured Conversation with Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States (Virtual)

History

Civic Learning Week builds on the success of more localized efforts that provided civic learning opportunities across three states in 2022. This collaboration by the [Massachusetts Civic Learning Coalition \(MCLC\)](#), [New York City Department of Education \(NYCDOE\)](#) and [Rhode Island Civic Learning Coalition \(RICLC\)](#) included events prompting participation by 20,000 students, teachers, and others. For further information, see [event summary](#).