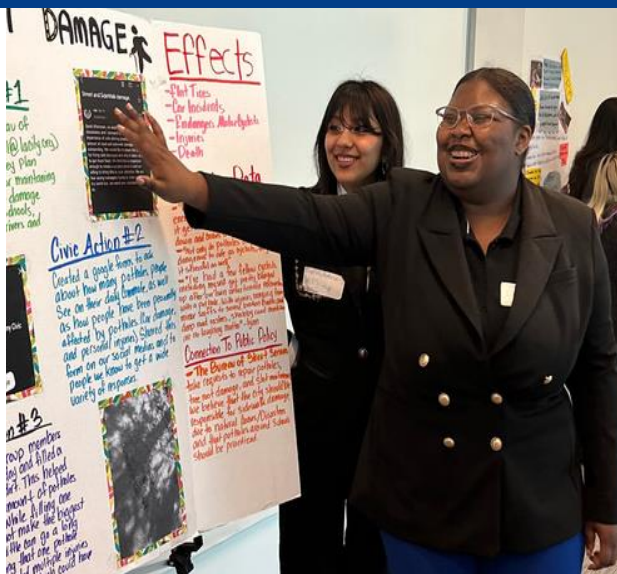


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Civic Action Project



Teach Democracy is fortunate to have funding from Carnegie Corporation of New York to bring CAP to teachers in CA, NM, NC, and WA!

Join us, Carolina K-12, and Civic Education Washington State to become a Teach Democracy Fellow and get free PD, a stipend, and more!



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Become a Teach Democracy Fellow!

What You'll Get

All teachers who become a Teach Democracy Fellow will receive:

- Free in-person professional learning
- Ready-to-use lessons
- \$250 training/implementation stipend
- Opportunities to interact with colleagues and build a professional learning community

What your students will get:

- Civic knowledge: Constitution, government, issues, policy, and more.
- Skills: critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and more.
- Choose issues that matter to them.
- Interact with CAP Youth Board, share their CAP experience with other students and caring adults.

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These resources encouraged students to think critically about issues in their neighborhoods and to try to find solutions. It was amazing to see how using culturally relevant, civic-oriented lessons can help students be critical thinkers.

-Teach Democracy Fellow

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So, what is CAP?

CAP (Civic Action Project) engages students in identifying issues that matter to them, making an intellectual connection to policy, and taking thoughtful civic actions to address their chosen issue.

The CAP curriculum features several academic pathways to choose from. Each pathway provides lessons focused on a topic or skill to prepare students to take informed civic action.



Feedback

CAP teachers report:



The lessons helped make learning relevant to students.



The curriculum had a positive impact on students' learning and civic engagement.



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Pathways to Civic Action

Each academic pathway provides 5-7 lessons aligned to standards and research-based practices in civic learning.



U.S. Constitution

Understand foundations of our democratic republic and contemporary relevance.



Media Literacy

Enhance media literacy skills through the analysis, creation, and ethical use of media.



Issue-Based Discussion

Examine and understand complex issues from multiple perspectives.



Social Movements

Explore social movements in history that made a difference.



Water Systems (Sci)

Explore water systems and analyze issues related to clean water and conservation.

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Student-Driven Civic Action

Each pathway culminates in a Civic Action Project (CAP) in which students choose to investigate an issue they care about and take informed civic actions to initiate positive and sustainable change in their communities.

After completing CAP, students say:



CAP gave me an opportunity to discuss important issues.



CAP helped me believe I can make a positive impact in my community.

CAP aims to enrich students' civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions and to produce the next generation of informed and engaged citizens.



CAP has been crafted to meet key criteria for state Seals of Civic Learning or Engagement.

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Interested in participating??

We're hosting a brief orientation Zoom on December 4th at 4 pm Pacific/7pm Eastern!

If you can't attend, register anyway and we'll send a recording.

Upcoming PD Events

North Carolina: In-person teacher PD will be held on January 24 at the Hillsborough Library.

Washington: In-person teacher PD will be held on January 24 OR Jan 31 in the Seattle area.

California: Contact Gregorio Medina (gregorio@teachdemocracy.org) to find out where the nearest PD is for you!

New Mexico: Contact Kathleen Hughes (Kathleen@teachdemocracy.org) to find out where the nearest PD is for you!

[Click here to let us know you're interested and register for the 12/4 Zoom!](#)