

## **L.Y.C. / Project P.A.T.C.H. - 2009 Summer Institute**

*“From Policy to Practice, Advancing Civic Education”*

4-Day Law and Civic Education Professional Development Opportunity

30 Hours

2 in-service credits

Grades K-12

3 Graduate Credit Option Available

Fee: \$30 per registrant

Dates: June 29 – July 2, 2009

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place: Northport High School

L.Y.C. (The Law, Youth and Citizenship Program of the New York State Bar Association) and Project P.A.T.C.H. (Law and Citizenship Education Program of the Northport - East Northport U.F.S.D.) will offer this 4-day, 30-hour in-service Summer Institute at Northport High School. This is a great opportunity to learn new strategies and obtain new resources (materials provided) to develop your professional skills in the area of Law, Citizenship and Character Education. The 2009 Institute offers 5 separate strands. Select the one that best meets your training needs. The strands are:

#1) **“We the People” The Citizen and the Constitution**- based upon the Center for Civic Education’s “We the People” program, participants will receive hands-on training with the “We the People” Curriculum appropriate for their grade level of instruction. Elementary, Middle School and Secondary level materials will be provided to empower participants to utilize “We the People” materials with their students including strategies for conducting mock congressional hearings in which students provide expert testimony on the principles, foundations and history of the United States Constitution. All participants will be eligible for a free set of “We the People” texts for their classroom. Materials and strategies from Northport High School’s American History through Constitutional Law Program will also be featured.

#2) **“Project Citizen” Public Policy and Civic Engagement** – based upon the Center for Civic Education’s Project Citizen program, participants will receive hands-on training with the “Project Citizen” Curriculum appropriate for their grade level of instruction. Elementary, Middle School and Secondary level materials will be provided to empower participants to utilize the “Project Citizen” materials with their students including strategies for engaging students in working collaboratively to identify issues of community concern, develop public policy to address these issues, and engage elected officials and policy makers in bringing about effective social and / or community change based upon student advocacy. All participants will be eligible for a free set of “Project Citizen” texts for their classroom. Successful civic engagement initiatives from the Northport – East Northport UFSD will also be featured.

#3) **Character Education and Peer Leadership (K-12)** - offers intensive training in building citizenship skills through character education that will develop students’ understanding of our democratic traditions, values, and institutions. Innovative, hands-on activities, that help students gain a new perspective on justice, character, and civic responsibility will be featured. Peer leadership strategies and cross-age teaching techniques that will revitalize civic education in the classroom and throughout the school community will be shared. This strand includes the use of cooperative learning and peer education strategies to develop students’ academic skills, social confidence, and conflict resolution skills, while meeting NYS Learning Standards and preparing students for new methods of assessment. Materials will be provided that are appropriate for all grade levels.

#4) **Global Issues - International Law and Human Rights** – participants will gain turn-key strategies and resources to engage students in learning about global themes of human rights, tolerance, respect, diversity, and the role of international law and institutions in advancing the worth of the individual throughout history. This workshop is appropriate for all grade levels and includes materials appropriate for use with students of all ages. A case study approach will be utilized, including historic events such as the Holocaust, as the framework to discuss issues of International Law and Human Rights.

#5) **Forensic Science and Criminal Investigations** - offers turn-key training and resources to support replication of our highly effective model Forensics program. Participants will gain hands on experience in conducting labs and using Forensic Science as a way to motivate students to meet NYS Learning Standards in Science while building critical thinking skills and understanding of the values inherent in our criminal justice system. The strand will culminate in an introduction to the C.S.I. Challenge, an interactive murder-mystery competition for high school students. Strategies for using Forensics and Crime Scene Investigation curriculum with elementary and middle school students will also be shared. (Registration preference provided for Certified Science Teachers for this strand.)

**APPLICATION ON REVERSE SIDE**

**DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS TO THE P.A.T.C.H. OFFICE AT (631) 262-6874**

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