

**2018 Law and Civic Education Summer Institutes**  
**Interdisciplinary and Common Core / C3 Aligned**

We understand in these times of rapid change and new initiatives that finding the right match for your professional development needs is important to you as a classroom teacher and your district leadership. We appreciate your time and the investment being made in your professional growth as an institute attendee.

The Law, Youth and Citizenship Program and Project PATCH have proudly worked together to meet the professional development needs of all teachers, K-12, for 42 years. Our philosophy has always been that all teachers serve an essential role in meeting the civic mission of our schools. Regardless of grade level or discipline, we all teach students who need to be active, informed, engaged and responsible members of our communities. Infusing the principles of civic education throughout the K-12 curriculum is an essential component of that mission.

With the Common Core / C3 standards we are continuing to incorporate an interdisciplinary approach to our professional development. We realize that empowering our students as citizens means they must be strong writers, readers, collaborators and problem solvers. As educators, we all serve an essential role in this process. We are proud to support this meaningful work.

Each of the 2018 Summer Institutes provide a unique opportunities for teachers across grade levels and disciplines to work collaboratively to support our students' growth as citizens, especially as we prepare all students for the challenges of college, careers and civic life in an increasingly complex and interconnected world.

At our 4-day Long Island Institute we are proudly offering two unique strands this year. They are:

- 1) Digital Media, Civic Engagement and Student Voice
- 2) Forensic Science and Criminal Investigations

At the Syracuse, Buffalo, and Manhattan Institutes the focus will be on News Literacy, Civic Engagement and Student Voice.

As retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has stated, "*the fundamental skills and knowledge of citizenship are not handed down through the gene pool. They must be taught and learned anew by each generation.*" We will meet this challenge by empowering teachers from all grade levels and disciplines to build civic knowledge and foster civic engagement for all students. Connections will be made to the new C3 Framework for College, Career and Civic Life.

We are always available to discuss tailoring or instruction and providing access to resources that best suit each participant's needs. You will find our instructors to be exceptionally talented and willing to work with you to tailor content to your individual teaching assignment. If there are any concerns about aligning our training to your needs, please let us know. We are eager to work with teachers at all grade levels and disciplines as we meet our common goals of fostering our students as young scientists, artists, historians, mathematicians, journalists, engineers, athletes, etc., who share a love and appreciation for their unique gifts as citizens and can share their voice in impactful / responsible ways.

For teachers attending our Long Island Institute, the Digital Media, Civic Engagement and Student Voice strand will immerse participants in hands-on training empowering them to effectively integrate technology into the learning experience for all students in new and exciting ways. This strand will provide teachers of all technological abilities a unique opportunity to work in an intensive, small group / hands-on setting with an Instructional Technology Resource Specialist to explore multiple online resources, digital tools, and instructional strategies that support student growth as responsible, engaged and effective citizens. Turn-key resources will be shared including materials generously provided by iCivics, Justice O'Connor's award winning online civics program.

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We are here to help. We look forward to seeing you during our 2018 Summer Institutes. You can call David Scott at 631 521-1773 with any questions.