

Mock Constitution Signing

This is one of the most popular ways to celebrate the Constitution. You can choose to hold mock signings in your classroom or during a school-wide assembly.



The assembly program brings together the entire student body for a formal program and signing.

- Invite local judges, lawyers and/or legislators to be the featured speakers and ask them to talk about the U.S. or Pennsylvania Constitution with students.
- Have a school official emcee the program and ask each speaker to limit his or her comments to around five minutes (depending upon the number of speakers). Ask them to focus on how the constitutions relate to students.
- A great way to get students involved is to select one student to speak about the U.S. or Pennsylvania Constitution and have the school choir perform patriotic songs. You can even get the band and school mascot involved.
- At the end of the formal program, have all students sign constitution scrolls (parchment paper). The signed scrolls can be displayed in your school lobby.
- After the signing, invite the speakers to join students in their classrooms to take part in one of the lessons included in this guide.

The classroom program focuses solely on your students.

- Invite a local judge, lawyer or legislator into your class to talk with students about the Constitution.
- The visitor may want to use one of the lessons provided in this guide or create his or her own. Be sure to review this with the speaker before his or her visit and share any necessary materials.
- But, you don't need an outside speaker for a classroom program. The lessons in this guide are designed for use by both teachers and outside speakers.
- When the formal remarks are concluded, have the students sign constitution scrolls (parchment paper) that can be displayed in the classroom or school lobby.

Constitutional Convention Program: A constitutional convention is a great way to teach your students about the U.S. and Pennsylvania constitutions through hands-on learning activities. You can create a constitution for your classroom or the entire school.

Show others what your school did to celebrate the Constitution!

Send photos and a brief description to the PBA. We will post your event on our Web site to promote the great work that is happening in Pennsylvania schools!



Classroom Lessons

You don't have to hold a formal program to celebrate the Constitution. The lessons provided in this guide are designed to fit into your existing curriculum or serve as a special project during the fall. They are interactive, include handouts and engage students in an innovative study of the Constitution. They also are matched with the state's Academic Standards for Civics and Government.

If you would like to view additional lessons on the U.S. and Pennsylvania constitutions, visit the Pennsylvania Bar Association Web site at www.pabar.org/lre.asp.