



Teachers, grab your cape and join us!

This program is inspired by the landmark report, Guardian of Democracy: The Civic Mission of Schools published by The Leonore Annenberg Institute for Civics of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania & the Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools.



2026 Summer Course Calendar

Bronze Courses



Join us for the first-level courses for the Guardians of Democracy Teachers Program!

Current and Controversial Issue Discussion Strategies

- May 26 - June 30

Learn from academic experts Dr. Diana Hess & Dr. Paula McAvoy as you explore the purpose, role, and function of discussion strategies as pedagogical tools to equip young people to be engaged citizens. This course will enhance the practice of educators with strategies and resources to create a classroom climate in which there are equitable opportunities for ALL students to engage in dialogue about essential questions across the curriculum.

Informed Action through Service Learning

- May 26 - June 30

Learn from academic experts Dr. Joseph Kahne and Jessica Marshall as you explore the purpose, role, and function of informed action through service learning as a pedagogical tool to equip young people with the knowledge, skills and dispositions to be active members of their community. In this course, you will interact with strategies and tools that you can use in your classroom to support student-centered informed action through service learning.

Simulations of Democratic Processes

- May 26 - June 30

Learn from academic experts Dr. Walter Parker & Dr. Jane Lo as you explore how democratic processes and procedures occur as part of the regular functioning of government, in each of the three branches of government, and at each level of government. This course will guide you through the purpose, planning and implementation of three simulations: town hall meeting, legislative hearing and moot court.

Constitutional Democracy as Content and Practice

- May 26 - June 30

Learn from academic experts Dr. Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg, Dr. Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz, and Dr. Shawn Healey as you explore constitutional democracy as content and practice in learning how to design classroom instruction to facilitate student outcomes related to civic dispositions, skills and knowledge. In this course you will interact with the Educating for American Democracy's Roadmap as a tool to help enhance your practice and examine opportunities and challenges associated with the topic.

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