Law-related education is an interactive method of teaching young people about the law and the fundamental principles on which it is based, including principles related to such connecting themes in social studies as the rule of law and conflict resolution. More specifically, law-related education provides instruction concerning legal rights and responsibilities, and it encourages informed participation in our democratic government. National and state studies show, and the Georgia General Assembly agrees, that law-related education deters delinquency and reduces disciplinary problems because it fosters the development of decision-making, problem-solving and conflict management skills.

Journey Through Justice is a free, four-hour, interactive learning experience for students and teachers in grades 4-12. We invite you to join us as we open your eyes to the excitement, fun and knowledge of the law.

Relive the drama of the past through the eyes of Edith Galt Wilson as she shares her memories of her husband, President Woodrow Wilson. Then visit the authentic replica of his 19th century office, which was located in downtown Atlanta in 1882. Many of the artifacts, including the office door and Wilson’s desk, are from the original office.

Next, join an experienced attorney or teacher docent for a challenging and age-appropriate law lesson. Teachers can choose from a wide array of topics, from the Bill of Rights to environmental law, with each lesson correlating to one or more Georgia Standards of Excellence or Career Clusters/Pathways. Become an “Honorary Attorney for the Day” after passing our bar exam, and then prepare to try a case in our fully-functioning courtroom.

After your mock trial, end your visit by delving into America’s mesmerizing legal past in our Museum of Law. Through educational and interactive displays and knowledgeable docents, learn about Freedom’s Call: The March for Civil Rights; Cruel and Unusual Punishment; An Independent Judiciary; and Famous Georgia & U.S. Trials.

The LRE Program’s guiding purpose is to serve teachers in their efforts to teach about the law in their classes, by developing curriculum material for grades K-12 and holding workshops on various aspects of law-related education. These workshops are designed for teachers who want basic training in law-related education, law-related education resources and teaching strategies, as well as basic substantive information about such areas as the civil, criminal and juvenile justice systems; the federal and state court systems; and torts, contracts and copyright law. All workshops correlate to one or more Georgia Standards of Excellence or Career Clusters/Pathways.

Absolutely wonderful program! Thank you for cultivating a love for the law in our students/children. I am also impressed with your ability to integrate communication skills and strategies within the program. They are learning even when they don’t think they are learning. Love it!

-Homeschool Parent

The most memorable part for me was standing up at the stand asking questions to the witness.

-Elementary School Student

Free Journey Through Justice Field Trip

Free Teacher Workshops

The tour reinforced the lessons learned from our current studies at our school. The concept of using the fairy tale characters made the legal concepts fun and entertaining for the students. My students shared with the school principal upon their return how much they learned by this visit.

-Bartow County College & Career Academy
Virtual Museum of Law

The Virtual Museum of Law is an online extension of our physical Museum of Law. Visitors to the Virtual Museum will find informational animated videos about famous Georgia and U.S. cases. Students can take online quizzes to assess their understanding of individual cases. The Virtual Museum also offers teacher-access-only LiveBinders for each case featured in the physical museum and general LiveBinders on civil rights, cruel and unusual punishment, and the need for an independent judiciary.

Course & Subject LiveBinders

The LRE Program has created and regularly updates online LiveBinders on a variety of legal topics, as well as course-specific LiveBinders for Legal Environment of Business (06.41500), Essentials of Legal Services (43.45400), Applications of Law (43.45500), Legal Administrative Services (43.45600), and 6th, 7th and 8th grade social studies. Each LiveBinder contains lesson plans, links to current events, and other resources related to that topic or course.

In the past I have struggled with finding resources for the LEB course and would often finish with the standards prior to the end of the school feeling as though I slighted my students due to a lack of creativity on my part, but with these resources, I have been able to “beef up” my lessons and integrate the resources found in your LiveBinders! Thanks!

- ‘Legal Environment of Business’ Teacher

Civics & Law Honor Roll

We sponsor the American Bar Association (ABA) Civics & Law Honor Roll for Georgia high school students. The Civics & Law Honor Roll recognizes secondary school students from throughout the United States who have demonstrated a commitment to civic learning and engagement. Created by the ABA Commission on Civics Education in the Nation’s Schools, its purpose is to create enthusiasm for and reward academic and community volunteer achievements in civic education and engagement. Students selected for the Honor Roll receive signed certificates of achievement.

To learn about eligibility requirements, visit www.gabar.org/forthepublic/forteachersstudents/lre/civicsandlawhonorroll/index.cfm.

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