



Court Aide Program

The Court Aide Program provides opportunities for high school seniors to volunteer to work in the courts and to learn about the Judicial Branch and its important role in our government. Students participating in the program will be assigned to their local courthouse where they will work closely with Judicial Branch employees, learning about their jobs. Students who meet the eligibility requirements of the program will participate in an interview and information session before being placed in a Judicial Branch office and beginning their assignment.

Applications are available online at www.jud.ct.gov/courtaide/ and should be e-mailed to: external.affairs@jud.ct.gov.

For more information on all of our programs and resources, please contact External Affairs at (860) 757-2270 or at external.affairs@jud.ct.gov.

We invite you to visit www.jud.ct.gov/EdResources.htm for more information about these programs.

Programs for Students and Teachers



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Speakers Bureau

The Speakers Bureau maintains a panel of judges and other court officials available to speak with students about the integral role our courts play in a democratic society, and the impact the judiciary has on the lives of students. To arrange for a judge or court official to visit your school, please complete the form at <https://www.jud.ct.gov/Publications/es192.pdf> and e-mail it to: external.affairs@jud.ct.gov.

Job Shadow Program (in person)

The Job Shadow Program provides high school students with the opportunity to shadow a Judicial Branch employee of their choice for one day with the goal of enhancing the student's understanding of that job and of the court system. Please keep in mind that all positions may not be available at all court locations. Enrollment forms are available online and must be completed by a guidance counselor or other school administrator. For more information and access to the enrollment forms, please visit www.jud.ct.gov/Education/JS/.

Job Shadow Program (virtual)

Each Spring, high school students, through their guidance counselors, are invited to attend a live and interactive informational session conducted via online videoconference about Judicial Branch careers. After a special presentation from a Supreme Court justice and an Appellate Court judge, students will have a chance to learn about a career that interests them from a Judicial Branch employee in the field followed by a question and answer period. For more information about this program, please contact the External Affairs Division at external.affairs@jud.ct.gov or by calling 860-757-2270.



Read Across America

Every year on Dr. Seuss's birthday (March 2nd), schools across the country celebrate Read Across America Day. The Connecticut Judicial Branch has participated in this wonderful celebration by arranging for judges to read to elementary school students.

After a visit from a judge, one teacher said: "It is so important that our children meet many different people who encourage literacy!" The reading specialist at one school said, "This year's experience with [the judge] was exceptional. Her enthusiasm and ability to engage the students was outstanding! I whole-heartedly feel it was a positive experience for [the] students." Another educator said: "This program is a wonderful way to show our students that busy people see reading as so important that they take time from their jobs to come to our school and read – great modeling!!!!"

To arrange for a judge to come to your school, please complete this PDF Form: Read Across America Request to Host a Judge at <https://jud.ct.gov/WebForms/forms/ES290.pdf> and e-mail it to external.affairs@jud.ct.gov.

Jury Outreach Program

The Jury Outreach Program offers Connecticut students an opportunity to learn about one of the most important components of our system of justice. Educators who would like a jury representative to come to their classroom should contact the Jury Outreach Program at jury.outreach@jud.ct.gov.

Tours of the Supreme Court

The Connecticut Supreme Court provides guided tours of its courtroom. These tours allow students the opportunity to step inside Connecticut's Supreme Court and learn about the court's rich history of more than 100 years. Students will also learn how Connecticut's highest court functions. For more information, please visit www.jud.ct.gov/external/news/SupCtTour.html. To schedule a tour, please contact the External Affairs Division at (860) 757-2270 or at external.affairs@jud.ct.gov.



Professional Development Days for Teachers

The Connecticut Judicial Branch offers teachers the opportunity to learn more about the court system through Professional Development Days. School districts can arrange visits for teachers to go to their local criminal courthouse where they will observe court proceedings and discuss the criminal justice system with a judge, prosecutor and public defender. An enhanced understanding of the Judicial Branch will be an invaluable tool for teachers as they educate students about our state courts. To schedule a Professional Development Day at your local courthouse, please contact the External Affairs Division at 860-757-2270 or at external.affairs@jud.ct.gov.