

Teaching Resources from MD-CEC Partner Organizations

Resource	Description	Notes	Age Group
Circle: 24 Ways to Grow Voters Before 2024	List of 24 methods to support youth voters	- Includes links to other resources - Give ideas that could be used in class, but not in great detail	N/A
Circle: Growing Voters	The CIRCLE Growing Voters report presents a transformative approach to cultivating the upcoming generation of voters through extensive research and a unique survey of teenagers. It offers practical advice for a broad audience, including educators, policymakers, journalists, and families, emphasizing the collective responsibility in voter development.	- Includes an educator guide - Guide has “what” “why” and “how” categories for each suggestion - Includes videos for educators with ideas - Also contains guides for other groups (parents, journalists, etc)	N/A
The Civic Circle: Votes for Women	This lesson plan designed for Grades 3-5 explores women's suffrage from the perspective of Native American and African American women.	Incorporates music	Elementary School
iCivics: Election Headquarters	Lesson plans to teach about elections and voting, the presidential election, state and local elections. Also has webquests and games to play about elections.	- One webpage that links to all of their election lesson plans - Have to register for a (free) account to view lesson plans	
MD Council for Civic and History Education	The MD Council for Civic and History Education has a Civil Discourse Toolkit with lesson plans on the history of political parties and a short video lecture by Dr. Lester Brooks. There is also a lesson plan library .		

National Constitution Center	Module 13, " Voting Rights in America ," of the 15 module Constitution 101 curriculum explores the history of who could, and couldn't, vote throughout American history. This module includes primary sources, videos, and student activities.	• Constitution 101 is a self-paced, semester-long, curriculum • The Voting Rights in America module is broken into 7 parts	High School
Street Law	Street Law has several voting themed lesson plans that ask students to use deliberation: Should Voting Be Compulsory for high school, middle school , or elementary school ; " Should the Electoral College be abolished? "; and " Should democracies enact laws that require their political representation to match their gender, racial, and ethnic composition? ". There is also an interactive timeline with six inquiry packs that focuses on voting and a lesson plan on gerrymandering .		High School, Middle School, Elementary School

Other Voting and Election Resources

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The Civic Center	Training, data, and resources to support high school voter registration	• Democracy in a Box • District-level Data • Cap, Gown & Ballot	High school
PBS Kids Let's Vote!	Activities and articles to help parents and early education teachers talk about elections and foster civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions	• Resources sorted by age groups: 2-5 and 6-8 • Activities include crafts, printables, & online games	Early education & primary grades
NextGen America	Support and resources to mobilize youth voters through texting, callbank campaigns, and social media	• Get-out-the-vote training • Tech platform to connect with potential voters • Nonpartisan, but progressive values	Youth voters ages 18-35

New Voters	Primarily focused on peer-to-peer high school voter registration drives where relationships ensure effectiveness. Also engaging young people in policy formulation and implementation, political research, and civic technological development	• Mentorship & training • State-specific guides • School partnerships	High school
PA Youth Vote	Resources for teens, teachers, and advocates to strengthen voter registration and civic education in high schools	• Training & teacher resources such as slides to teach local, state & national offices and candidates • Resources limited to Pennsylvania	High school
270toWin	An interactive Electoral College map that allows users to create their own election outcome scenarios, helpful for understanding the impact of different states on election results.	• Contains ads	
Kids Voting USA	Provides resources for conducting mock elections in educational settings	• Online platform to simulate elections • Lesson plans for various ages	Elementary & secondary
BallotReady	Provides comprehensive, nonpartisan information on candidates and ballot measures for every level of U.S. elections.		Upper elementary & secondary
PolitiCraft	PolitiCraft is an "action civics" card game that uses storytelling to explore civic engagement. Players choose civic issues and discover pathways to effect change in their communities.		High school
Youth Leadership Institute Election Simulations	YLI conducts the largest secure, student-only, online mock election in the nation, using electronic ballots tailored to each student's home legislative district.		
C-SPAN Classroom	C-SPAN Classroom offers structured lesson plans that examine a variety of topics and are supplemented with video clips of related C-SPAN programming.	• Campaign Fundraising • History of Gerrymandering • Models of Democracy	High school