



Kids Voting 09-10 Classroom Resources

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or contact the Kids Voting office (704-343-6999 or amy@kidsvoting.org)

What are Kids Voting 09-10 Classroom Resources?

Standards-based resources for study focusing on local government and active citizenship, community involvement and citizenship. They are great tools for bringing real-life experiences into the classroom to enrich any topic or subject.

How are the resources available?

On CD and at www.kidsvoting.org.

What's included?

Lessons and resources from Kids Voting and NC Civic Education Consortium, standards-based and usable through the year. Developed by teachers for teachers, easy to plug into existing lesson plans to enrich and strengthen classroom learning.

Kids Voting organization

- Kids Voting organization information
- Kids Voting programs information (Mecklenburg Youth Voice, Candidate Debate and Forum for Youth, Youth Civics 101, Election Experience, etc.)

Local government resources, maps and lessons

- Editable presentations about local governments
- Maps of government organization, representation, municipalities
- Local government posters and map activities
- Vocabulary

Local government textbook

- Local Government Textbook: Local Government in N.C., by Gordon Whitaker

K-12 standards-based lessons and activities

- 28 lessons for grades K-2, aligned to NCSCOS in math, language arts and/or social studies
- 28 lessons for grades 3-5, aligned to NCSCOS in math, language arts and/or social studies
- 28 lessons for grades 6-8, aligned to NCSCOS in math, language arts and/or social studies
- 44 lessons for grades 9-12, aligned to NCSCOS in World and US History, Civics & Economics
- Entire Kids Voting USA Classroom Activities K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12
- Kids Voting Correlates to NC Standard Course of Study
 - K-8 Math, Language Arts, Social Studies
 - 9-12 World History, Civics & Economics, US History
- Educator's Guide, ESL Lessons, Curriculum Summaries
- Newspapers in Education information
- Standards-based lessons for Constitution Day, Candidate Debate and Forum for Youth*, Election Experience*, President's Day*, Black History Month* and other events (* on www.kidsvoting.org).

Kids Voting Classroom Activities Overview

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What are Kids Voting USA Classroom Activities?

Kids Voting USA is a national civic education leader and provides your school with a combination of classroom and community activities designed to compliment and enrich your existing curriculum.

Kids Voting Classroom Activities support K-12 academic achievement

Students develop information-gathering and decision-making skills, and prepare for a lifetime of active civic participation. KVUSA activities enable teachers to enrich classroom learning in multiple disciplines.

Involvement in Kids Voting helps to close civic learning and civic engagement gaps among at-risk students by increasing learning opportunities and experiences.

Standards- based lessons designed by educators with classroom experience

Aligned with the National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies. NCSCOS correlates:

- K-8 Social Studies
- K- 8 Math
- K- 8 Language Arts
- World History
- Civics & Economics
- US History

Age-appropriate for grades K-12 and optimized for vertical learning

Age-specific - divided into K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12 grade levels including lessons, Educator's Guide, Additional Resources section (contains an Appendix, Glossary, and Bibliography) and Spanish and family involvement activities available

Thematic and organized

Within each grade level section, activities fall under one of four organizing themes: Elections and Voting, Democracy, Suffrage/The Right to Vote, Active Citizenship. Each theme has: Introduction to Theme; General Activities; Discussion Questions; Literature Connection Activity and Culminating Activity.

Flexible and adaptable

Kids Voting USA Activities are usable throughout the school year, and are flexible and adaptable to fit lesson plans, time requirements and curriculum goals.

Accessing Classroom Activities

- CDs distributed to elementary classrooms and middle and high school social studies classrooms. Limited hard copies available.
- Web access - through Kids Voting Mecklenburg www.kidsvoting.org

Kids Voting School Resources include:

- Curriculum
- Civic education resources
- Community civic activities
- Classroom and election guides (online and copies)
- Opportunities for interaction with Public Officials
- Election experiences
- Opportunities for student involvement