

## Frequently Asked Questions Nevada's Legislators Back to School Program

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### **1. What is Nevada's Legislators Back to School Program?**

With the goal of increasing civic participation, Nevada's Legislators Back to School Program encourages Nevada State legislators to visit classrooms to teach young people—Nevada's future voters and leaders—what it's like to be a Nevada State legislator: the processes, the pressures, and the debate, negotiation and compromise that are the fabric of representative democracy. Nevada's Legislators Back to School Program is a nonpartisan initiative that is sponsored by the National Conference of State Legislatures ([NCSL](#)).

### **2. What is the National Conference of State Legislatures?**

The National Conference of State Legislatures is a bipartisan organization that serves the legislators and staff of the nation's 50 states, commonwealths and territories. The National Conference of State Legislatures provides research, technical assistance, and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas about state issues. The National Conference of State Legislatures also advocates for the interests of state governments before Congress and federal agencies.

### **3. What is the goal of the program?**

In response to a growing concern about the increasing number of young people that are disengaged from the political process, Nevada's Legislators Back to School Program was created to promote civic education and participation in Nevada. The program is part of NCSL's America's Legislators Back to School Program.

### **4. Is the program geared for a specific grade level?**

Nevada's Legislators Back to School Program is designed for K-12 classrooms. Classroom learning materials for all age groups are available for use by teachers and legislators in preparation for legislator visits.

## **5. What teaching materials are available? How much do they cost and how can I order them?**

The National Conference of State Legislatures makes available, free of charge, publication and video resource materials to be used for legislator classroom visits for high school, middle/junior high school, and elementary school classes. You can view information about the available classroom learning materials at: <http://www.ncsl.org/legislatures-elections/backtoschool/program-materials.aspx>. Online lesson plans for teachers and legislators are also available at: <http://www.ncsl.org/legislatures-elections/backtoschool/back-to-school-your-ideas-count-lesson-plans.aspx>. Please send requests for classroom materials to: [csu@lcb.state.nv.us](mailto:csu@lcb.state.nv.us).

## **6. How do I schedule a legislator classroom visit?**

Please contact legislators directly to schedule a classroom visit. Legislator contact information is available on the [homepage](#) of the Nevada's Legislators Back to School Program website.

## **7. How do I find which legislator represents my school?**

Conduct an online search at the Nevada Legislature's website under "Legislative Districts and Schools."

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/dbtw-wpd/SchoolSearch.htm>

## **8. Who should I contact if I have further questions?**

Questions should be emailed to: [csu@lcb.state.nv.us](mailto:csu@lcb.state.nv.us). You can also call (775) 687-8620 with questions.

## **9. When does the program take place?**

Scheduled to officially "kick off" the third week of every September, Nevada's Legislators Back to School Program is a year-round program. Program materials can be integrated into class curriculum at anytime during the school year.

## **10. Where can I find general information about the Nevada Legislature and the legislative process?**

Detailed information about the Nevada Legislature and the legislative process is available at the following website: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/General/>.