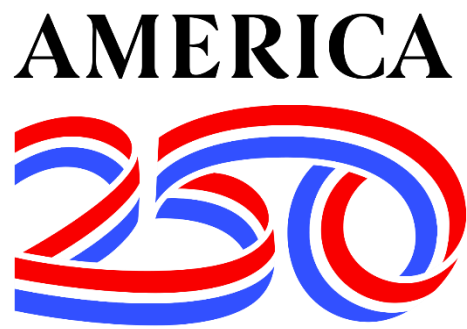




West Virginia Educational Programming and Resources

Student and Teacher Resources

In January 2026, the WVDE created a website specifically for the 250th anniversary of America's founding.

Additionally, the Office of Academic Support and the Office of Student Enrichment published a resource booklet designed to offer resources and activities for teachers and students throughout the year.

- [WVDE America250 Website](#)
- [Booklet: Resources for Educators to Teach the Semiquincentennial of America's Founding](#)

WVDE America250 Programming

Social Studies Fair

In celebration of America250, the Office of Student Enrichment and Support added a [special topic category](#) in the **Social Studies Fair** inviting students to research and present on the founding of America or the lasting contributions of West Virginia as the new nation was being formed.

The 2025 State Social Studies Fair witnessed 17 projects within the America250 category. During the 2026 State Social Studies Fair, 32 projects were represented within the American250 category.

- [2026 State Social Studies Fair Project Listing Booklet](#)
- [2026 State Social Studies Fair Photo Album](#)

Arts Alive

On April 16, 2026, during the Arts Alive Showcase, the WVDE highlighted student art from the Congressional Art Competition in celebration of America250.

West Virginia Governor's Schools

The WVDE issued supplemental grants to the [Governor's Schools of West Virginia](#) to engage students in the celebration of America250 during the summer of 2026.

Governor's School for the Arts (GSA):

- America250 post-card-making
- riverfront picnic and lawn games
- an America theme performance by a WV band – John Ingram Band.

Governor's School for Tourism (GST):

- "Foods of Appalachia" prepared by Chef Paul and Restaurant 1010,
- a team map project exploring historic and cultural sites of significance to WV history and US History
- Appalachian and US Storytelling

Governor's School of Entrepreneurship (GSE):

- Blenko Glass demo for students and the creation of their own 384 Water Bottle – an iconic American and West Virginian product

Governor's Computer Science Institute (GCSI):

- Freedom themed drone show
- America250 celebration dinner and keynote speaking by former Congressman Rahall
- Commemorative America250 Kits – each student will receive a backpack, educational booklet, and commemorative badge.

Governor's Honors Academy (GHA):

- On July 22, 2026, GHA students will travel to Washington, D.C. to visit various monuments and museums within our nation's capital.

Additional Support and Resources

- The Office of Academic Support has consistently provided listserv updates sharing America250 resources to teachers. The America250 hub has been updated throughout the year as resources and activities are generated from around the country.
- In conjunction with *Celebrate Freedom Week* requirements outlined in [W.Va. State Code §18-2-9](#), the WVDE will update the resource booklet for teachers to include America250 related resources ahead of the 2026-2027 school year.
 - [WVDE Celebrate Freedom Week Resources Booklet](#)
- The WVDE continues to actively engage with the West Virginia America250 committee to promote educational programming around America250.
- If there are resources made available that we do not have listed on our website, information may be sent to [Matt Kelly](#) or [Dustin Lambert](#) to be included.