

**Correlation of West Virginia College-and Career-Readiness Standards with
YLA 8th Grade Youth & Government Seminars
Social Studies: Civics**

Standard Name	Description	YLA Program to Address Standard
Civics S.S.8.2	Evaluate how citizens can influence and participate in government at the local, state and national levels and assume the role of an active citizen participating in the democratic process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with the Secretary of State office to discuss active citizenship • Learn about citizen involvement in the judicial system from Supreme Court justices • Visit with legislators at Banquet to learn more about citizen participation in government
Civics S.S.8.3	Identify, analyze and evaluate the responsibilities, privileges, and rights of citizens of the state of West Virginia found in the state and national constitutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn from the Secretary of State office about citizen rights and the election process • Visit with legislators at Banquet to learn more about citizen responsibilities, rights, and privileges
Civics S.S.8.4	Differentiate between the division of powers and responsibilities for each of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the United States and West Virginia governments, describe the system of checks and balances, and explore local forms of government. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze the functions and jurisdictions of the federal, state, local, and special courts. • Cite the elected officials at the national, state and local levels, the constitutional requirements for election and responsibilities of each office. • Explain the amendment process of the <i>West Virginia Constitution</i>, give examples of amendments, and explain their purpose. • Explain the process of how a bill becomes a law in West Virginia. • Identify and explain the various types of elections in West Virginia. • Compare and contrast the relationship and function of local, county, state, and national governments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of the WV Capitol Complex including the executive, legislative, and judicial offices • Visit State Offices • Sit in Committee Meetings • Sit in House or Senate Session • Banquet with Legislators • Meet with Justices at Supreme Court • Night Court at County Magistrate Court • Tour of the Governor’s Mansion • Mock Trial with Jackson Kelly attorneys at the U.S. District Court • Meet with the Secretary of State office to learn about the election process and citizen involvement • Visit Kanawha County Magistrate Court, State Supreme Court, and U.S. District Court, and compare and contrast their function in the judicial system • Meet with officials from the executive, legislative, and judicial branches
Civics SS.8.5	Predict the outcome of selected proposed bills in a current legislative session and assume the role of a lawmaker in a mock legislature to pass a bill into law.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock Legislative Session with the WV Bar Foundation • Sit in House and Senate Sessions and Committee Meetings to observe current legislation taking place

Educators attending the 2020 Youth & Government Seminars say it best:

Mingo County – *"I love this program & hope my students participate in other programs offered by YLA."*

Harrison County – *"If a school system is looking for a way to give their civic/public service minded students a way to engage with state government, YGS is the way to go."*

McDowell County – *"YGS allowed my students to experience enrichment opportunities they would never have gotten if they hadn't attended this event."*

Barbour County – *"This is the most educational field trip I have been on. It provides many academic experiences, as well as social and cultural experiences. While bringing my students each year requires a lot of work for me, I do it each year because it is GREAT!"*

Marshall County – *"The program is great for students & chaperones. This is my 6th year attending and there are different aspects each year. I look forward to this trip & plan on attending each year."*

Wetzel County – *"Love the program. It is wonderful." "Take the plunge and do it."*

Ohio County – *"A great opportunity to excite your students and spark an interest in West Virginia government." "This program offers an excellent, clear, and concise foundation to the workings of WV State government. The leaders of the program are approachable, positive and supportive."*

Webster County – *"Excellent opportunity for students especially from rural areas to meet other students from around the state and share ideas. Also excellent way to provide students with hands-on opportunities to increase their knowledge of law enforcement and development."*

Wyoming County – *"What a great real life experience."*