



Local Civics: Developing Students as Community Problem Solvers

The **Institute for Public Administration's Delaware Center for Civics Education** presents the Democracy Project Summer Institute for Teachers:

June 22-26, 2026

Location: the Virden Center in Lewes, DE

This year's institute will focus on helping teachers in **grades 6-12** empower ALL students with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to identify, analyze, and propose effective solutions to authentic problems that arise in their local communities throughout their lives.

Earn a stipend of \$2,000 and over 50 hours of professional learning credits.

The Institute will use the research-based and supported model developed by the National Center for Civics Education-Project Citizen.

Apply online:

<https://ipaforms.wufoo.com/forms/democracy-project-institute-for-teachers/>

For more information, visit:

<http://www.ipa.udel.edu/democracy/#summer>



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About the Democracy Project

The Democracy Project Institute for Teachers brings together educators, candidates, and policymakers to discuss the importance of civic participation for sustaining the health of the American political system and to collaborate on ways to develop the knowledge, skills, and dispositions students need to engage constructively in civic life.

Requirements:

- Attend 4.5-day summer institute in Lewes, DE.
- Attend PLC sessions during the 2026-2027 school year.
- Infuse content from the grant into instruction (including CCE's new lessons).
- Involve at least one class in a Project Citizen showcase.
- Invite project staff to observe one class of grant-aligned instruction.
- Participate in an evaluation of the project, including research-linked pre-post tests.

(See Teacher Agreement Form)

Participant Benefits:

- High-quality, research-based resources and professional development.
- Classroom set of project materials and supplies to support implementation of Project Citizen.
- Resources and strategies for incorporating social-emotional learning into civics classrooms.
- Stipend of \$2,000 to be paid in 3 increments as requirements are met.
- Over 50 hours of professional learning credit (use for recertification or snow days make-up).
- Field trips to the beach!