



Strengthening Civics Education in Appalachian Ohio **Resource Guide**

Ohio-Specific Resources

[Buckeye Boys](#) and [Girls State](#) are programs sponsored by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary of Ohio to provide a multi-day, hands-on experiences highlighting how the Ohio government works and interacts across the state.

The [Capitol Square Foundation](#) works to increase public awareness of and to involve citizens in the history of the Ohio Statehouse. The Foundation has worked to create a number of programs to support teachers and students, including iCivics Ohio, the transportation grant to support school visits to the Statehouse, Field Trip preview to explore the Statehouse before you go, and other resources that can be used in classrooms and beyond.

The [Ohio Channel](#) is a service of Ohio's public broadcasting stations that combines Statehouse coverage with locally produced PBS programs to give a statewide perspective on issues that affect the lives of all Ohioans.

The [Ohio Debate Commission](#) is a collaboration of civic organizations, media organizations, and universities working to create debates of the highest quality for the highest statewide offices and distributing that content across the state.

The [Ohio Secretary of State](#) has a number of programs related to voting literacy and education efforts, including Grads Vote Ohio and partnerships with local boards of elections to learn about the role of local boards and to practice voting by using actual voting machines, replicating the voting experience.

The [Ohio State Institute for Democratic Engagement and Accountability](#) (IDEA) seeks to generate and disseminate knowledge about elections and political institutions while studying and encouraging high quality political dialogue and deliberation.

The [Ohio Statehouse](#) provides history and background information on Ohio's Capitol and its role as the seat of government in the state.

The [Supreme Court of Ohio and the Ohio Judicial System Civic Education Section](#)

National Resources

[C-SPAN Classroom](#)

[Library of Congress Education Resources](#)

[National Archives Educator Resources](#)

[National Park Service](#)

[PBS LearningMedia](#)

[US Capitol Education Resources](#)

Opportunities to Practice

The [National Speech & Debate Association](#) provides recognition and support students participating in speech and debate activities.

The [Participatory Budgeting Project](#) empowers people to decide together how to spend public money in ways that deepen democracy, build stronger communities, and make public budgets more equitable and effective.

[Place-Based Education](#) (PBE) immerses students in local heritage, cultures, landscapes, opportunities, and experiences, using these as a foundation for the study of language arts, math, social studies, science, and other subjects. PBE emphasizes learning through participation in service projects for the local school and/or community.

[Service-learning](#) is a teaching and learning strategy that connects academic curriculum to community problem-solving.

Ohio-specific International Affairs programs:

- [Ohio Model United Nations](#)
- [Cleveland Council on World Affairs](#)
- [Wyoming Model United Nations](#)
- [Miami University Model United Nations Conference](#)
- [Collegiate Council on World Affairs](#)

First Book

[First Book](#) is a national nonprofit social enterprise that works directly with book publishers and other providers to provide free and low-cost books and other educational resources to educators. First Book also provides curated books that correspond to specific topics, including activism and civic engagement, that can be used in

classrooms. FAO has partnered with First Book to extend its network of registered educators in Appalachian Ohio and you can register to be part of the joint network at www.FirstBook.org/FAO.

iCivics

[iCivics](#) was created by former US Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to provide life-long civic engagement through the provision of high quality and engaging civic resources to teachers and students across the country. iCivics uses technology to create highly engaging civics education activities.