



Superior Court of California County of Calaveras

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PRESS RELEASE: Power of Democracy Civic Learning Initiative & Constitution Month

[*California Supreme Court, Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero's Power of Democracy Civic Learning Initiative*](#) encourages schools to partner with participating courts to bring civic education directly to K–12 students.

San Andreas, CA — Judges at the Calaveras Court Participate in Statewide Outreach to Schools During the 2026–2027 School Year and Constitution Month

Teachers in Calaveras County interested in bringing civics education into and out of their K–12 classrooms during the upcoming 2026–2027 school year are invited to connect with the [Superior Court of California, County of Calaveras](#) (“Court”). Judges of the Court are preparing to participate in the Power of Democracy Civic Learning Initiative, which connects students with judges and promotes civic learning through classroom and courthouse experiences.

Calaveras County serves an estimated 5,700 K–12 students across multiple school districts and county-operated educational programs, reflecting the educational needs of a small rural community.

Beginning in August, the Court hopes to engage at least 250 students by the end of 2026 through courthouse visits, classroom presentations, and [Constitution Month](#) activities that promote civic education and equal access to justice.

Promoting Civic Education Through the Power of Democracy Initiative

“This initiative provides an opportunity to strengthen relationships between the Court, local schools, and the community we serve. Through education and open dialogue, we hope to increase students’ understanding of the Constitution, the judicial system, and the rights and responsibilities shared by all citizens; reinforce public trust in the courts; and inspire the next generation to become engaged members of their communities, explore the many opportunities before them, and recognize that they have the ability to shape the future of the communities they call home.”

— Monica L. Alemán, Court Executive Officer

The Court's outreach efforts will include activities throughout the school year, with special emphasis during Constitution Month in September.

Throughout the year, the program offers interactive educational opportunities, including mock trials, age-appropriate discussions about constitutional rights, and question-and-answer sessions that allow students to learn firsthand about the role of judges and the judicial branch. In many communities, these activities complement existing court outreach efforts.

With California Courts' annual Constitution Month observance approaching, the Court is confident that the goal for participation will be met and encourages teachers to submit requests early. The programs are supported by the Power of Democracy's Judges in the Classroom program.

Constitution Month Activities

The Court will place special emphasis on September, when the judicial branch celebrates Constitution Month. Throughout the month, the Court will host students for scheduled courthouse visits that include guided tours, courtroom observations, and question-and-answer sessions with judicial officers. In addition, subject to availability and interest, judges may participate in prearranged 60-minute classroom visits throughout the school year.

Special Event: Constitution Day, September 17, 2026

The Court will commemorate Constitution Day by hosting a special event on September 17, 2026. To create a welcoming environment for students, educators, and community members, the Court will offer light refreshments and provide a resource table featuring educational materials, including pocket Constitutions, Constitution Day bookmarks, and informational flyers about the role of the courts, jury service, careers within the judicial branch, the [Power of Democracy Initiative](#) and the Judges in the Classroom program. Information regarding court self-help services and other public resources will also be available, along with coloring pages and activity sheets for younger students.

"By engaging with students, both in schools and at the courthouse, to promote understanding and transparency about the judicial process and the role of courts, we foster respect for the Judicial Branch and the rule of law in our youngest citizens." — Presiding Judge, David M. Sanders

Teacher Participation Information

Teachers can sign up to support the program by choosing from the activities listed at powerofdemocracy.org/pod250

About Calaveras Court

The Superior Court of California, County of Calaveras, serves a rural community of approximately 45,292 residents across 1,020 square miles in California's Gold Country. Guided by its mission to provide equal access to justice for all, the Court is committed to administering justice fairly and maintaining the public's trust and confidence in the judicial system.

About the Power of Democracy

Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero's Power of Democracy Civic Learning Initiative brings quality civics education to K–12 classrooms. By connecting students directly with judges, it brings the foundations of the judicial system to life through real-world interaction, empowering educators and inspiring the next generation of informed, active citizens.