

Reservations now open for: 2019 Rhode Island Law Day Classroom Programs

On Rhode Island Law Day, thousands of Rhode Island students, teachers, judges and lawyers share important, timely and lively law related education lessons. **This year's Rhode Island Law Day is Friday, May 3, 2019.**

Rhode Island Law Day classroom program lessons are open to all public, independent, private, and parochial Rhode Island middle and upper schools', 7th to 12th grade classes, and feature in-school, one classroom period participation of a Rhode Island judge and lawyer team. To promote active student participation and the best possible educational experience, the Rhode Island Law Day classroom program topic choice focuses on an issue of direct relevance to students.

The 2019 Rhode Island Law Day Program, *Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society*, will explore how in the United States and around the world, freedom of speech and the press are among the most important foundations for a free society. Free speech and free press are prominent topics in public discourse and litigation. It is impossible to imagine a free society without these individual liberties, yet historical and current debates surrounding them continually challenge us to consider their boundaries and resilience. Changes in technology have reshaped how free speech and free press work in the everyday world. Students can relate freedom of speech to how they interact on social media, school dress codes, and even bullying.

Classroom program materials including topic description, recommended discussion points and role playing suggestions will be distributed in a follow up email.

To ensure your participation, we encourage you to complete and return your reservation form today. **The reservation deadline for the 2019 Rhode Island Law Day Classroom Programs is Friday, February 15, 2019.**

Please note: The 2019 Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest, open to only 10th and 11th grade students attending schools in Rhode Island, will use the same topic, *Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society*, as the basis for the essay entries. Information for the essay contest will be sent out on March 1, 2019. The due date for entries will be Monday, May 13th, 2019.