

School Programs for 2014-2015

A field trip to our historic site provides a unique and engaging experience for your students! Our educational programs cover a variety of topics for multiple grade levels and are aligned with both the Common Core State Standards and the most recent draft of the Connecticut Social Studies Frameworks. Watch for updated connections as the new State Frameworks are adopted.

While group sizes (listed inside) are our recommendations, we try our best to accommodate all! Please contact us if you need special arrangements.



CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS CHART

Grade	Old State House Programs	CT Social Studies Standards											Common Core Match								
		1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.10	1.12	1.13	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	3.1	3.2	3.3
K↑	History is All Around Us	X	X		X	X	X						X	X	X	X			X	X	
K-2	I Spy the Old State House	X	X		X	X		X						X							
2-6	The Legend of the Charter Oak	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X			X	X	
3↑	Discover the Old State House	X	X		X			X	X	X				X	X	X			X	X	
3-6	How Gov't Works: CT's Three Branches	X	X		X			X	X	X				X	X	X					
3-12	The Place Where You Live (Wadsworth)	X	X	X				X					X		X	X			X		
4↑	Connecticut in the Civil War	X	X		X			X	X	X				X	X	X			X	X	
5↑	Revolutionary Connecticut	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	
5↑	Prudence Crandall and the Black Law	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			X	X	X	X			X	X	X
5↑	Freedom Once Taken: Amistad Story	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			X	X	X	X			X	X	X
6↑	How Gov't Works: Civil War Theme	X	X		X	X		X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Spend the Day in Hartford

Are you learning about Connecticut government in your classroom? Consider pairing your visit to the Old State House with a free field trip to the current State Capitol! Call Connecticut State Capitol Tours at (860) 240-0222 to schedule a visit.

BOOK YOUR VISIT TODAY!

To schedule your school visit, email or call Brian Cofrancesco at brian.cofrancesco@cga.ct.gov, (860) 522-6766 or fill out the online form on our website.

FEES

Students:

\$4 per student for first program; \$1 for each additional program.

Chaperones:

One complimentary chaperone admission for every 10 students. \$5 for each additional chaperone.

Minimum Fee:

The minimum number of students for all programs is 10. You may bring less than 10 students, but you will be charged the minimum fee of \$40 (for one program) or \$50 (for two programs).

*Special fees apply to multi-site visit with The Wadsworth. See inside for details.

LUNCH SPACE FACILITIES

There is a \$25 fee for using the lunch room for 30 minutes. You may also choose to have lunch on the lawn free of charge, but you must remove your trash and indoor space is not guaranteed if there is inclement weather. Groups that move lunch indoors will still be responsible for the \$25 fee.

FREE & EASY PARKING

Bus parking is available free of charge on Central Row, directly adjacent to the Old State House.

For more information visit
www.ctoldstatehouse.org
or call (860) 522-6766

School Program Guide



An unforgettable learning experience where Connecticut's democracy was born



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Grades K & Up

History Is All Around Us

Visit this multi-sensory, multi-media exhibit that follows 300 years of Hartford's history. Highlights include a 1912 Fire Engine and Mark Twain's bicycle! Design your own experience:

- Search and Discover - Working in teams, students explore the exhibition using a fun and educational "scavenger hunt."
- Map Activity & Tour - Students examine Hartford's architectural evolution with a physical map activity and discussion about types of structures, building placement and change over time.
- Self-Guided - Students explore the exhibition at their own pace.

Grades: K-12 **Time:** 45-60 minutes

Group size: **Min.** 10 students **Max.** 50 students

I Spy the Old State House

Students exercise their powers of creativity, curiosity and observation when they create "spy glasses" to help them explore the art and architecture of Connecticut's Old State House.

Grades: K-2 **Time:** 45 minutes

Group size: **Min.** 10 students **Max.** 50 students

"My children were truly inspired."

Grades 2 & Up

The Legend of the Charter Oak

What is the Charter Oak and why is it an important part of Connecticut history? Students will learn about the story by re-enacting the legendary event that took place in Hartford in 1687. They will also explore the *History is All Around Us* exhibit to find items made from the wood of the great oak tree.

Grades: 2-6 **Time:** 60 minutes

Group size: **Min.** 10 students **Max.** 50 students

Grades 3 & Up

Discover the Old State House

Our "building" tour. Students explore Connecticut's Old State House through questioning and interactive activities. During the program, students examine the building's use and how it has changed over two hundred years.

Grades: 3-12 **Time:** 45-60 minutes
Group size: **Min.** 10 students **Max.** 60 students

How Government Works:

Connecticut's 3 Branches and Why They Matter

Fulfill your civics requirement in the historic rooms of Connecticut's Old State House as students engage in a fun and interactive role-play election and mock court trial to learn about the three branches of state government!

Grades: 3-6 **Time:** 90 minutes

Group size: **Min.** 10 students **Max.** 70 students



Multi-Site Visit with The Wadsworth

NEW! The Place Where You Live

Students embrace the messages found in objects and architecture illustrating local and state history as they discover their place within this cultural narrative. Visits include hour-long tours at both the Wadsworth Atheneum and the Old State House.

At Connecticut's Old State House, students will participate in *These Walls Do Talk: Art and Architecture at the Old State House*. This program will use visual clues which illustrate the role history played in the art and architecture of the building, the site's significance as the birthplace of democracy and its connection to ancient Greece and Rome. At The Wadsworth, teachers may select either *Connecticut People & Places* or *American Art*.

Grades: 3-12 **Time:** 2.5 hours

Group size: **Min.** 10 students **Max.** 120 students

*Fees charged separately:

\$4 for each student/chaperone at The Wadsworth. \$3 for each student at The Old State House.

Grades 4 & Up

Prudence Crandall and the Black Law

In the room where the historic Black Law of 1833 was passed, students will meet Prudence Crandall, the school teacher from Canterbury, Connecticut and Andrew Judson, the lawyer and legislator that tried to stop her from teaching African-American girls in her school. Students will take part in the dialogue by playing the roles of various historical characters that either supported or opposed Crandall & Judson's points of view.

Grades: 5-12 **Time:** 90 minutes

Group size: **Min.** 10 students **Max.** 50 students

"Kid tested, teacher approved!"



Class Field Trip '74



Museum of Curiosities!

Connecticut in the Civil War

What is the Civil War and why did it start? Did everyone in Connecticut agree about the war? How did it impact the people living in Connecticut? Students will learn more as they: meet a Union soldier and discover what life was like on the battlefield; help a Connecticut woman with the "homefront" effort while her husband and sons are away at war; and participate in the 1863 Connecticut election that pitted war governor William Buckingham against "Peace Democrat" Thomas Seymour.

Grades: 4-12 **Time:** 90 minutes

Group size: **Min.** 10 students **Max.** 60 students

Grades 5 & Up

Revolutionary Connecticut

The site of the Old State House was witness to many important events during the Revolutionary War. Students will role-play and interact with historical characters to learn about Connecticut's role in America's quest for independence and the significant contributions made by the state and its citizens during the American Revolution.

Grades: 5 - 12 **Time:** 90 min.

Group size: **Min:** 10 students, **Max:** 60 students

Freedom Once Taken: The Amistad Story

Perhaps the most famous court case ever heard at Connecticut's Old State House was the case of *La Amistad*. Students make a personal connection with the story as they re-enact the events of the trial from Hartford to New Haven to the U.S. Supreme Court, playing the key characters involved in the case in the very room where the trial began in the fall of 1839. Students will consider the reality of the Atlantic slave trade, discover the fate of those involved in this ground-breaking trial, and decide if justice really was served. Modified for varied age groups.

Grades: 5 - 12 **Time:** 90 min.

Group size: **Min:** 10 students, **Max:** 60 students

Grades 6 & Up

How Government Works: Civil War Theme for Middle & High School Students

An advanced version of the *Connecticut's 3 Branches* program. Students relive political issues of the Civil War era and make relevant connections to their lives today through participation in the highly contested 1863 CT gubernatorial election, an active debate and vote as Civil War-era legislators, and the recreation of an 1865 CT Superior Court trial that involved constitutional rights.

Grades: 6-12 **Time:** 90 minutes

Group size: **Min.** 10 students **Max.** 70 students