



GETTING STARTED

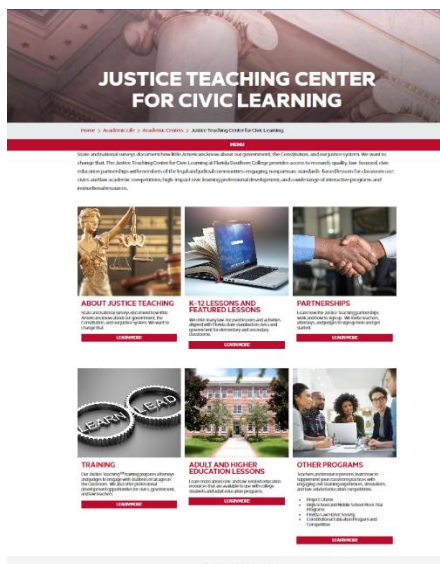
What are the first steps in getting started with a Justice Teaching partnership?

First, review the **Justice Teaching website**. Look at the Overview and About sections to learn about our Center programs, history, and goals.

[Justice Teaching Center for Civic Learning - Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL \(flsouthern.edu\)](https://www.flsouthern.edu/justice-teaching-center)

[About - Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL \(flsouthern.edu\)](https://www.flsouthern.edu/about)

Also, please review the **Partnerships link** and **sign up** as a Judge, Attorney or Teacher. [Partnerships - Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL \(flsouthern.edu\)](https://www.flsouthern.edu/partnerships)



Then you will need to sign up for a **Justice Teaching training session**. Feel free to contact apitts@flsouthern.edu to determine the schedule for in-person and Zoom programs each month. We hold weekly Zoom trainings for individuals and groups. We can also schedule in-person group or bar association trainings. Please contact us and schedule an appropriate date for in-person or Zoom training. We will provide free resources and trainers.

Training will include an overview of Justice Teaching, new Florida state standards in civics and government, how to engage with students at all grade levels, partnership recommendations, new policies and protocols, lesson demonstrations, and other resources. Check the training page on the Justice Teaching website

to learn more about weekly Zoom training opportunities and scheduling in-person sessions.

[Training - Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL \(flsouthern.edu\)](https://www.flsouthern.edu/training)

Now that you have signed up and received training, what's next?

The next step is to **identify a school and teacher you would like to work with**. Our partnerships focus on pairing judges and attorneys with elementary, middle, and high schools

throughout Florida. You may have worked with a specific school previously and would like to reestablish the relationship. If you were previously partnered with a school, feel free to reach out to the same school principal or teacher. Send an email and let them know that Justice Teaching is reestablishing its partnerships and you would like to work with the school again. If the principal or teacher has changed, look at the school website to determine new contacts. See who is teaching civics, government or law classes at the school. If you are looking to work with the same teacher as you partnered with previously and would like to know where the teacher may have relocated in the county, please contact our office if needed. Let your contact know that Justice Teaching is reestablishing its partnerships and that you would like to serve as a resource person to assist with standards-based classroom presentations and to assist teachers as needed with civics, government, and law content.

If you have never participated before, you may consider partnering with schools that are located near your home or work, where your children attend, or that you have a special interest in working with. These can be public, private, or charter schools. Let us know if you need a list of schools or if you need assistance contacting a school to partner with this year. **We have sample emails to introduce the program and the partnerships provided.**

How often should volunteers participate in and out of the classroom?

We suggest that you meet or communicate with your partner initially to discuss scheduling and specific needs. Attorneys and judges can serve as a resource to the teacher in and out of the classroom as teachers may have questions about legal or constitutional concepts, principles, or cases. You can also serve as a resource person in the classroom. Depending on the time of year and what is being addressed in the classroom, Justice Teaching may have appropriate lessons to use in conjunction with **Constitution Month, Bill of Rights Day, Law Week, and other specific times of the year. Additionally, we have a variety of lessons that fit in with the state standards for most any civics, government, and law content any time of the year.** Check out some of our sample lessons on line or let us know a specific topic you may need for the specific grade you will be addressing. We have hundreds of lessons to share with you. Work directly with the teacher to approve content and work with you in the classroom.



Here is the link to some of our **sample lessons**.

[Lessons - Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL \(flsouthern.edu\)](https://www.flsouthern.edu)

Sample lessons include landmark Supreme Court case studies, constitutional application exercises, civics and law-related simulations, Bill of Rights decision-making activities, jury service lessons, and more! We can even create activities based on your needs. ALL lessons and activities are nonpartisan and address constitutional and law-related content in practical and

engaging formats. We create activities based on the state standards in civics and government. To review these standards, see this link on our website. [Export \(fldoe.org\)](http://fldoe.org)

If schools have new policies about parental notification, please contact our office for a form that is used for these purposes. You can share the form with your partner teacher or principal if needed to comply with new policies pertaining to school visitations.

How do we describe Justice Teaching to interested schools?

Justice Teaching is a standards-based civics, government, and law K-12 partnership initiative between the legal, judicial, and education communities to enhance student knowledge and understanding of our constitutional design including institutions, processes, and principles. We offer a wide variety of lessons and simulations to assist with standards-based instruction. The program is nonpartisan, standards-based, and integrates research-based best practices.

We also offer ancillary programs that schools may be interested in learning more about. Take a look at the link below.

[Other Programs - Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL \(flosouthern.edu\)](http://flosouthern.edu)

Are there any reporting requirements?

We would greatly appreciate your assistance with documenting your partnership visits and providing photos if permitted. We can highlight your work in various publications, with permission of course. Please use the link below to access the reporting form online.

[Volunteer Reporting Form - Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL \(flosouthern.edu\)](http://flosouthern.edu)

Please let us know if you have any other questions or would like access to our previously recorded training and lesson demonstrations. Thank you again for your service.

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