



CONSTITUTION DAY SCRIPT WHEN CONTACTING SCHOOLS

Hi, my name is _____, I'm a local Constitution Coach and wanted to call to see what your school has planned for Constitution Day.

Your school receives federal funding, correct?

Did you know that any school receiving federal funds is required by federal law to teach the Constitution on Constitution Day?

As a local community member in doing my duty as a citizen, I'd like to help you comply with this law. I have a very dynamic presentation designed for school-age kids grades 4th through 9th grade. The presentation would run up to 45 minutes. Who do we need to speak with to get this on the calendar?

Constitution Day is September 17th. It falls on a Saturday, however Constitution Week runs through September 23rd, so that gives us flexibility to get this on the calendar for your school classrooms! If need be, we can do this any time in the month of September since that's our Constitution's birth month.

The curriculum presentation is professionally produced by Patriot Academy, a non-profit organization whose focus is educating our citizenry on The US Constitution and founding history of the United States of America. The curriculum would be most effective for classrooms versus a school assembly. We could plan to do it for any grade level, optimum elementary grades would be 4th & 5th. (Middle School would be 6th-8th) High School 9th grade would be an option as well)

ADDITIONAL INFO & RESOURCES FOR THE PRESENTER:

THE FEDERAL LAW PASSED BY CONGRESS IN 2004:

If they'd like to know (have proof) provide this info:

Federal Law Requiring Schools to teach Constitution: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/house-bill/4818> Division J Sec 111 (2) (b)

Background Checks: In most schools, background checks are only done on staff. EVERY STAFF member without exception must have a background check and drug test (hair) before they are hired. GUEST SPEAKERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A BACKGROUND CHECK in order to speak at most schools but typically must be escorted by a teacher or staff person around the school and escorted at all times.

TIPS to make personal contact or connections at schools:

1) If possible, try to use a contact you know. Even if a teacher in a district isn't in the school you are wanting to present at they can usually direct you to the correct teacher.

2) If you don't know a contact in a school, call the school and ask for a teacher that would teach your "target." ie. "Who teaches 4th grade history?" "Who teaches Middle School history?" "Who teaches High School Government?" Get the name then ask to set up an appointment to visit with them. I say this because teachers are bombarded with emails and rarely read them.

3) Follow the body language of your teacher...you can tell whether or not they're interested. If they appear not interested, ask to speak to another teacher or principal.

4) After you visit in person, get their email address and follow up with a "follow up email" with the link just for good measure and professionalism.