

WHAT IS THE EDWARD J. LEWIS II LAWYERS IN THE CLASSROOM PROGRAM?

Coordinated by Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago (CRFC), the **Edward J. Lewis II Lawyers in the Classroom Program** partners attorneys with elementary classes to help students understand the U.S. Constitution and our legal system. CRFC trains attorneys to lead interactive lessons, provides teaching materials, and matches them with schools.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

Teams of attorneys are partnered with elementary and middle school teachers and their students in 2nd–8th grade classes. In the 2008–2009 school year, over 650 attorneys worked with 98 Chicago Area and Downstate Illinois Schools.

WHERE AND WHEN DOES THE PROGRAM TAKE PLACE?

Attorney teams are asked to visit their partner school a minimum of three times throughout the school year. Trainings are held at participating law firms and lessons are conducted at partner schools.



WHY GET INVOLVED?

Attorney volunteers provide students with knowledge based on real life experiences, help develop their critical thinking skills, and offer young people an opportunity to have a variety of positive adult role models.

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FOR TEACHERS

Help students think critically and act responsibly as they learn their rights and responsibilities under the law.

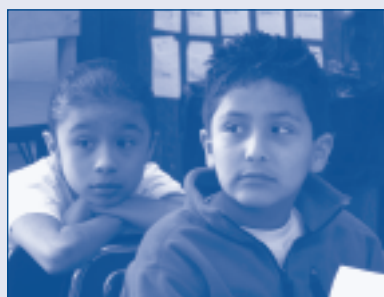
Participating teachers have the opportunity to receive:

- Training/CPDUs
- A free **Lawyers in the Classroom Curriculum** with grade-appropriate lessons
- A free grade-appropriate **Civic Toolkit** including mock trials and other resources



“The lessons that our partner attorney leads are very engaging and have a lasting impact. My students continue to discuss the experience and ideas that arose during the lesson long after each visit. Additionally, learning from a legal expert has helped my students better understand their rights and responsibilities.”

– Suzi Gantz, 5th Grade Teacher
Thorpe Scholastic Academy



“My experience with the lawyers was very inspirational. I felt as if I were a real lawyer solving real disputes. I can't wait until the lawyers come to my class again.”

– Dorian, 8th Grade Student, Brown Elementary School

FOR ATTORNEYS

Become a role model and share your real life experiences with students by leading social studies lessons for 2nd – 8th graders. Join an attorney team and make a minimum of three visits to lead activities in classrooms each school year.

CRFC will provide interested attorneys with:

- Training
- The **Lawyers in the Classroom Curriculum** which contains engaging lessons and interactive teaching strategies
- A classroom at a partner school



“The kids are amazingly insightful. The process by which they struggle to understand and apply the concepts and values embodied in the Bill of Rights to the problems we present to them is a wonderful thing to see.”

– Bob Markowski, Attorney Volunteer
Jenner & Block LLP

ABOUT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION CHICAGO

Since 1974, the **Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago** (CRFC) has been helping schools foster critical thinking skills and responsible civic action in students. Non-profit and non-partisan, CRFC is a national leader in the design and implementation of quality law-related education (LRE) programs for elementary and secondary school students and teachers.

ABOUT EDWARD J. LEWIS II



CRFC's Lawyers in the Classroom program is named after former CRFC Board member Edward J. Lewis II. Edward was a brilliant, charismatic, and caring young

partner at Jenner & Block LLP who recruited over 100 volunteer attorneys for CRFC's Lawyers in the Classroom program and conducted workshops for teachers at CRFC conferences.

Edward's participation in Lawyers in the Classroom was legendary. For several years he was partnered with teachers and students at Pickard Elementary School in Chicago, which he visited regularly during the school session. He recruited and trained other attorney volunteers to emulate his example and partner with teachers in the Chicago Public Schools through CRFC. Edward was a tireless advocate for the children themselves, bringing resources and energy to their lessons and dreams.

Edward was diagnosed with leukemia and died in 1997 at just 37 years of age. Edward's dream was to have students from all over the city participate in the CRFC Lawyers in the Classroom program. Today, CRFC continues to work to fulfill Edward's dream.



Visit the Lawyer in the Classroom website online at

www.crfc.org/programs

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Chicago Public Schools

Armour Elementary School
 Ashe Elementary School
 Audubon Elementary School
 Barry Elementary School
 Beasley Elementary Magnet Academic Center
 Belding Elementary School
 Bell Elementary School
 Brown (William H.) Elementary School
 Calhoun North Elementary School
 Carpenter Elementary School
 Carson Elementary School
 Castellanos Elementary School
 Cather Elementary School
 Chase Elementary School
 Cleveland Elementary School
 Coonley Elementary School
 Cuffe Math-Science Technology Academy
 Darwin Elementary School
 De Diego Elementary Community Academy
 Decatur Classical Elementary School
 Drummond Montessori Magnet School
 Ebinger Elementary School
 Edgebrook Elementary School
 Edison Park Elementary School
 Evergreen Academy Middle School
 Gallistel Elementary Language Academy
 Gompers Fine Arts Options
 Goudy Elementary School
 Gunsaulus Elementary Scholastic Academy
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 Kelly High School
 Little Village Academy
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 Newberry Math & Science Academy
 Nia Middle Elementary School
 Ninos Heroes Elementary Academic Center
 Paderewski Elementary Learning Academy
 Peabody Elementary School

Pershing Elementary Humanities Magnet East
 Pershing West Middle School
 Piccolo Elementary Specialty School
 Pritzker Elementary School
 Reed Elementary School
 Rogers Elementary School
 Roque de Duprey Elementary School
 Ruiz Elementary School
 Sawyer Elementary School
 Scammon Elementary School
 Smyser Elementary School
 South Loop Elementary School
 Stockton Elementary School
 Talcott Fine Arts and Museum Academy
 Tanner Elementary School
 Telpochcalli Elementary School
 Thorp Elementary Scholastic Academy
 University of Chicago Charter – Woodlawn
 Walsh Elementary School
 Ward (Laura S.) Elementary School

Suburban and Private Schools

Beacon Hill Primary Center, Chicago Heights
 Blackhawk Intermediate Center, Park Forest
 Divine Providence School, Westchester
 Eastview Middle School, Elgin
 Emerson Middle School, Niles
 Forest Trail Middle School, Park Forest
 Herrick Middle School, Downer's Grove
 Mead Junior High School, Elk Grove Village
 Neal Middle School, North Chicago
 St. Genevieve Catholic School, Chicago
 St. Hyacinth School, Chicago
 St. John the Evangelist School, Streamwood
 St. Margaret Mary School, Chicago
 Santa Lucia School, Chicago
 South School, Des Plaines
 Summit Hill Junior High School, Frankfort
 Sundling Junior High School, Palatine
 Westgate Elementary School, Arlington Heights
 Woodland Middle School, Gurnee

Champaign Public Schools

Edison Middle School, Champaign
 Franklin Middle School, Champaign
 Jefferson Middle School, Champaign

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