

Open Doors to the Federal Courts



2003

Four (4) Senior class students from over twenty high schools located within the Eastern District will participate in:

Working for Justice: Careers in the Courts

Wednesday, November 12, 2003

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

Hale Boggs Federal Building

501 Magazine Street, New Orleans 70130

This national program, which supports National Social Studies Standards, introduces students to the structure, function and operations of the federal courts. Activities for the day include a mock trial and sentencing role-play with behind-the-scenes justice system staff introducing students to the wide variety of career opportunities available to them. Students and their teachers will interact directly with federal judges, court staff, attorneys from the U.S. Attorney Office and the Federal Defender's Office, U.S. Marshals, Probation and Pretrial Service representatives, investigators, court reporters, paralegals and others as they increase their knowledge of the court system. In addition, the Court will award scholarships to two students and commemorative gavels as part of an essay contest.

To be eligible to participate and ensure a meaningful experience for all at this civic education event, teachers have confirm their willingness to comply with preparatory guidelines and commit to encouraging their students to actively engage presenters throughout the course of this unique forum by attending a Teacher's Orientation at the Court on November 5, 2003, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. The orientation also includes a tour of the courthouse. The lesson plan meets National Social Studies Standards and can be taught in one or two class periods in preparation for the event.

The following schools have registered to participate in the program:

Dominican High School
Grace King High School
Houma Christian High School
Independence High School
John Curtis Christian School
Lawless High School
Louise S. McGehee School
Mandeville High School
McDonogh 35 High School
Phoenix High School
Port Sulphur High School
Redeemer Seton High School
Warren Easton High School
Clark Senior High School- **Law Related Signature School Students Only**