



INVEST IN EDUCATION!

Did you know?

ACCORDING TO THE THOMAS B. FORDHAM INSTITUTE, 20 STATES WERE FOUND TO BE INADEQUATE IN BOTH U.S. HISTORY AND CIVICS EDUCATION.

<https://fordhaminstitute.org/national/research/state-state-standards-civics-and-us-history-2021>



{{ contact.FIRSTNAME | default : "Dear friend," }},

High-quality knowledge-rich standards and curriculum is vital to elevating K-12 education. Do you know what content is actually being taught in the classroom? Our focus this past month has been on civics education. As our students return to the classroom over the next few weeks, we encourage you to investigate what your schools are teaching in history and civics classes and share your findings [here](#):

SHARE YOUR STORY

WHY IS CIVICS EDUCATION SO IMPORTANT?

An informed citizenry is better equipped to participate in democratic processes and make decisions that affect their local communities and the nation. By instilling a deep understanding of civic principles and responsibilities, we empower the next generation to contribute meaningfully to society and uphold the virtues upon which America was founded.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF RESTORING CIVICS EDUCATION?

Restoring civics education holds immense value, and given the current state of America it is more crucial now than ever that our children learn a true history of this great country. Restoring civics in the classroom can be accomplished by providing students with a quality education focused on:

- **Knowledge Foundation:** Understanding America's founding principles and government functionality.
- **Civic Responsibilities:** Understanding the roles and responsibilities one has in society.
- **Unbiased Learning:** Accessing high-quality content free of political ideologies or social justice agendas.
- **Heritage Preservation:** Upholding and understanding the values upon which the nation was founded.
- **Critical Thinking Skills:** Civics education helps develop critical thinking skills, enabling students to analyze information, discern credible sources, and understand the complexities of political and social issues. In an age of misinformation, these skills are essential for making informed decisions.

THE CHALLENGE:

Many schools do not have a well-rounded civics curriculum that covers the fundamental principles of American government, history, and the roles of citizens. Curricula can be influenced by political ideologies or social justice agendas, which may distract from impartial and factual teaching of civics. The Current statistics on Civics and US History education are quite alarming!

- According to the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, [Twenty states](#) were found to be inadequate in both U.S History and Civics education.
- Only 13% of 8th grades scored proficient in US History.
- Only 22% of American 8th graders scored proficient in Civics.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED (THE SOLUTION):

- Get to know the K-12 civics legislation in your state through our partnership with the [Civics Alliance](#) who provides a [Civics Bill Tracker](#).
- Print|Share our [Family Civics Trivia](#) to educate others.
- Explore [Constitution Week Lesson Plans](#) that are available for high school teachers and more of our recommended resources found [here](#).
- [American Heritage Education Foundation](#) provides lesson plans on American heritage for K-12 students

Freedom in Education champions the [American Birthright Standards](#), and works with our ambassadors, chapters and state departments of education to adopt the new American Birthright Civics and American History standards. We are committed to cultivating a civically virtuous society by empowering parents, teachers, and administrators across America.

TOGETHER we can change the trajectory in K-12 civics and history education and help ensure **FREEDOM** for the next generation. The most effective force of

bringing about change in education is well-informed and equipped citizens
TAKING ACTION in their local communities!

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In this special 'Civics Panel' episode Part 1 & Part 2 Beanie Geoghegan speaks to expert panelists, Hanna Skandera, Jim Parente and Robert Pondiscio about the state of civics today and a more in-depth look at solutions.

[CIVICS PODCAST](#)

The National Civics Bee® is an annual competition that encourages young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. This is a great opportunity for future leaders!

[National Civics Bee® – The Civic Trust® \(uschamberfoundation.org\)](https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/national-civics-bee)

our latest



"Students Need the Essential Pieces Before They Can Figure Out the Puzzle"

By: Beanie Geoghegan, Freedom in Education Cofounder

<https://freedomined.org/news-room/students-need-the-essential-pieces-before-they-can-figure-out-the-puzzle/>



As the new school year approaches, our [Back to School Toolkit](#) is designed to educate and support parents on the most important topics. Inside, you'll find essential resources, tips, and checklists to ensure you and your child are prepared and organized for the academic year ahead. Whether it's education on parental rights, opt out forms, Title IX amendment status and more, our toolkit has you covered! We hope you find our [PRINTABLE toolkit](#) helpful.

BTS TOOLKIT

HEROES OF LIBERTY

Freedom in Education has partnered with **Heroes of Liberty**, a book publisher dedicated to bringing stories of remarkable historical and contemporary heroes through engaging narratives and vibrant illustrations.

Each book is crafted to not only entertain but also instill values of courage, perseverance, integrity, and the values of which our country was founded on.

<https://heroesofliberty.com>

Our **'You Are What You Read'** campaign is dedicated to providing students with uplifting, wholesome books that inspire and educate.

We invite you to participate by donating to our [Good Book Drive](#) or volunteering with Freedom in Education to spread the word in your own community. Your donation, *no matter the size*, will contribute to the success of our book drive and bring the gift of reading wholesome books to more schools across America.

Together, we can nurture a generation of enthusiastic readers and support the mental health of all students!

GOOD BOOK DRIVE



[Freedom in Education](#) had the liberty of attending the annual Teacher Freedom Summit hosted by [The Freedom Foundation](#) in Denver, Colorado, from July 10-12. The three-day event consisted of numerous speakers, workshops, and breakout sessions focused on creating practical solutions to the many well-known issues surrounding American education today. We had the pleasure of meeting many wonderful teachers, educators, and administrators who reminded us of the importance of our work. It is without a doubt that each attendee left the Summit with renewed hope and passion for the betterment of education across America!



GET INVOLVED!

Freedom in Education is actively seeking School Ambassadors! School Ambassadors could be parents, teachers, or community members who share our vision and mission. Our team will train, mentor, and support School Ambassadors to champion the solutions we have created and endorsed to make K-12 education better for all children. The most **effective force** of bringing about change in education is **well-informed and equipped parents TAKING ACTION** in their local communities!

You can learn more about the solutions we champion at freedomined.org under the **SOLUTIONS** tab.

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- Hispanic Initiative

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