

## About Project REAL

The Foundation for Relevant Education About the Law (Project REAL) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Project REAL works closely with the courts and legal professionals to provide students of all ages with opportunities to interact with the legal system and explore fundamental democratic principles.

We provide tours of the Regional Justice Center and Federal Courthouse, as well as challenging curriculum for Clark County teachers and students regarding current issues, facts about the law and the responsibilities and rights of living in a democracy.



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Democracy  
and the Law**

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## OUR MISSION

Law-related and civic education have never had a more important role than they do now. We need to prepare our children to become involved, participating citizens who understand both their social responsibilities as well as their rights.

Project REAL provides students with a variety of opportunities to explore our judicial system, current issues and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

The Foundation carefully evaluates each program for appropriateness with regard to district and state education standards.

## REAL PROGRAMS



### PLAY BY THE RULES

Have you ever tried to play a game without knowing the rules? It can be dangerous. The same is true about the law. By holding kids accountable without teaching them the laws, we are asking for trouble.

This program, created by the Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education, presents Nevada law to middle school students across the state in an interesting and thought-provoking way. The students gain knowledge, life skills and the tools necessary for success.

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### COURT TOURS

Visits to courtrooms in the U.S. District Court and the Regional Justice Center give students first hand experience of both Nevada and Federal civil and criminal judicial systems.

Students in all grades can visit the courthouses. To prepare the students for their court experience, teachers are given guides explaining the processes and the terminology. In courtrooms, judges and other personnel often spend time answering questions.



### THE WEBSITES

Project REAL has two websites:

[lawforkids.org](http://lawforkids.org) entices students to learn about the law through activities and quizzes, a virtual tour of a detention center, and the opportunity to have law-related questions answered by top Nevada attorneys.



[relevantlaw.org](http://relevantlaw.org) provides information about our organization as well as providing resources and applications for teachers to participate in our programs.

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### FOUNDATIONS OF DEMOCRACY

Utilizing the Center for Civic Education's *Foundations of Democracy* curriculum, K-5 students explore four basic principles: Authority, Privacy, Responsibility and Justice.

Through exciting and stimulating activities, children gain an understanding of our democracy, and develop the skills and motivation needed to become effective and participating citizens.

### REAL DRAMA

As important as many current issues are, information in the media can be confusing and misleading. REAL Drama uses a play to bring a current hot topic into the classroom.



The first REAL Drama focuses on a family involved in deportation proceedings. It is presented to classes at local middle and high schools by students from the Las Vegas Academy.

An immigration attorney is often present to answer student questions and illustrate issues presented in the play with examples from real life.