

Innovation Proposal: Mock Trial Intensive, 9-10

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Proposed Innovation

Students will participate in an intensive three-week course that builds on the statewide Mock Trial program by introducing the Federal Court System. Students are given roles from court cases to enact while studying about the responsibilities of the court system. The course culminates in a visit to the U.S. Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.

Purpose and Potential

The goal of this alternative curriculum is to support the school's mission through preparation and delivery of a court case, team collaboration, engaging in competition, and learning about the court system and careers in law. Students are encouraged to think critically, communicate effectively, better themselves, and better their community.

Courses Include

a three-week course offered to 9th and 10th graders during the school Winterim period including a 4-day trip to Washington, D.C..

Student Outcomes

will be measured with a self-assessment survey of participation impact along with a combination of quizzes, annotations, practice trials, and teacher observations.

Funding

Grant funding will be used for curriculum, activity supplies, and entrance to activities. The grant only covers a portion of the total cost for the course.

Under House Bill 386, Local Education Agencies can approve up to \$5,000 in grant funding for innovation programs. The innovation outlined here is one example that has been approved for implementation. Learn more at schools.utah.gov/ulead