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# The REAL Scoop

## Hello Partners Old & New

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Know someone who'd be a great fit for Project REAL? We have a number of volunteer opportunities, including some for you teachers!

We are seeking field trip guides, textbook & classroom activity development committee members, administrative assistants, social media content creators, and more!

We also have a specific need for police officers, attorneys, and judges to serve as guest speakers.

If you can refer volunteers to us or if you are interested in joining our volunteer team, use this link to find detailed position descriptions and volunteer applications:

<http://projectreal.com/volunteer>

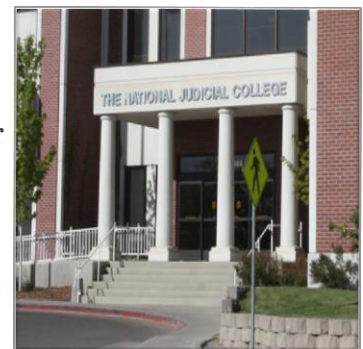


Greetings teachers, volunteers, and community partners. The 2016-2017 school year has been an exciting one for us at Project REAL. We've begun offering a number of new resources as we work to reach students of all grade levels in Nevada's schools. We also began using a new request system, conducting our pre-tests and post-tests online, and have had other exciting developments as those of you who've been in touch with us lately already know.

Whether you've been partnering with us this school year or you're hearing from us for the first time in a few years, there is something in this newsletter for you! All of you know what Project REAL can bring to your classes. Now we invite you to see what we can do for you over the next few months. We hope you will ask more of us - and from us - in the days & weeks to come!

### **Northern Nevada gets REAL**

Project REAL has served students of Northern Nevada for several years *without* the benefit of an office space to call home. Thanks to the generosity of The National Judicial College, we no longer have that problem. The space has already been instrumental in our ability to serve more students of Nevada. Teachers and possible volunteers in the area should email us for more information at [prnorth@projectrealnv.org](mailto:prnorth@projectrealnv.org)!





## Such Great Heights

### Teachers: We need you to help Project REAL reach more students!

Over the next few weeks, we hope to schedule 1-2 events for the instructors of Southern Nevada. Our goal for this work is three-fold:

First, we'd like to provide a bite to eat (and perhaps a few donated door prizes) to the teachers we've been working with as a thank you for

all you've done to help us in our mission to make Nevada's students safer, smarter, more informed about the law, and more considerate of their roles in the communities they live in.

Second, we want to use this as an opportunity for you to learn about some of the new resources we're providing and give you the chance to both ask questions and provide feedback.

Finally, we hope that those of you who attend will bring teacher friends of yours so they too can learn about what we do. In this way, you can contribute to Project REAL by helping us find placement in more classrooms than we might otherwise be able to reach.

In order to ensure the best possible attendance of this event, we will have one of these events roughly two weeks before the start of the CCSD school year. For the second event, we are exploring the possibility of scheduling it either 2-3 weeks following the end of this current school year, or sometime between September and October. Keep an eye on your email accounts so that you don't miss the chance to sign up and attend. You – and any fellow teachers you may bring with you – will be glad you took the time to see what's coming from Project REAL in the 2017 – 2018 school year.

For those of you in Northern Nevada please don't feel left out! You can anticipate a similar announcement from us before the end of the year!

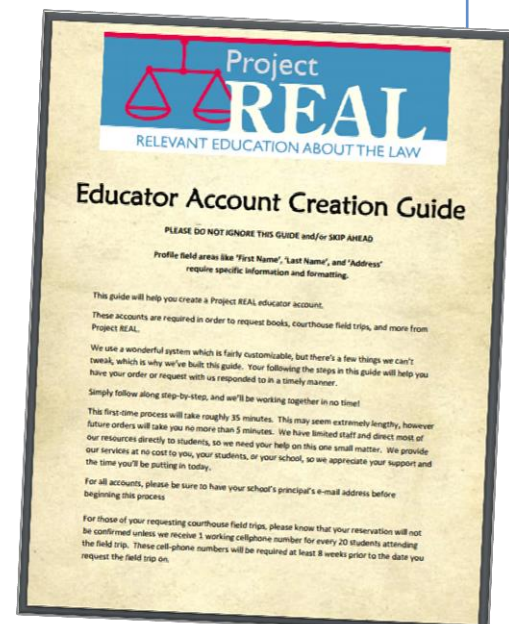
## Summer Time Signups

### Rush to the pool AFTER you rush to bring Project REAL to your 2017-2018 students!

If you haven't heard from us in a while, we hope you will reconnect with us soon by creating a profile in our partner database. We use this system to help teachers request books, field trips, and more.

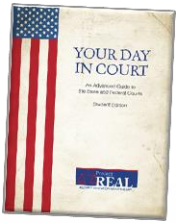
Teachers with profiles in the system are given priority and extra lead time for resource requests, field trip reservations, and more. Please create a profile by:

Calling us a 702.703.6529 after 12:30pm (due to morning field trips),  
 Downloading a Do-It-Yourself instruction packet here:  
<http://bit.ly/projectrealaccountguide>, or  
 E-mail [mkamer@projectrealnv.org](mailto:mkamer@projectrealnv.org) for guidance with the process.



# Available Now: 2016-2017 Publications

Here's a quick refresher of the resources we have available right now (contact us for digital copies!):



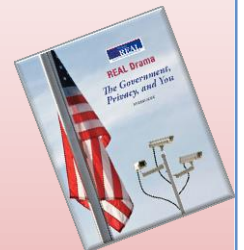
**Your Day in Court** is meant to be used in conjunction with the field trips, however the printed materials are useful without the courthouse visits as well. They are excellent tools for teaching basic vocabulary and concepts relating to the judicial system. While our field trips are booked up through early June this year, the book could still be useful to your students (5th - 12th grades).

**Play by the Rules** is an in-depth guide that teaches students over 200 laws unique to Nevada, can be taught easily in 10-15 class periods, and often times a police officer will agree to visit the classroom as a Project REAL guest speaker (6th - 10th grades).



**Real Drama: Immigration** is a guide that teaches students about immigration laws, processes, and enforcement. Easily taught over 2-3 classroom periods, a student performance of the play is available for viewing as a supplemental exercise, or the play's script may be read by your students in class. (7th - 9th grades).

**Real Drama: Privacy** teaches students about privacy rights and laws. Our most recently revised book, this guide makes the law relevant for students through the framework of the recent Edward Snowden leaks. The book was designed for lesson plan flexibility, and may be useful being used for 3-10 classroom periods at the instructor's discretion (10th – 12th grades).



## REAL Tests, REAL Results

*With some major adjustments in place this school year, our pre-tests and post-tests have begun producing some amazing data. We think this feedback from over 600 students about our field trips is all the reason you need for making sure your students receive Project REAL resources next year:*

### How was your experience on the field trip?

- I was bored, didn't like it, and would not go again. (5%)
- I was bored and didn't like it, but I might go again after knowing more about the courts. (5.9%)
- I liked it but I didn't learn anything, and I don't think I'd benefit from going again. (3.3%)
- I liked it but I didn't learn anything, however I think I would benefit from going again. (1.9%)
- I liked it and learned a little bit, but don't think I'd benefit from going again. (10%)
- I liked it, learned a little bit, and I think I would benefit from going again. (24.1%)
- I loved it learned a lot, but I don't think I'd benefit from going again. (8.8%)
- I loved it and learned a lot, and think I'd benefit from going again: There's lots more I would like to learn. (41%)

### How will the experience impact you?

- I tend to get in trouble & this experience didn't make me want to change anything about how I behave. (1.3%)
- I tend to get in trouble & this experience has made me think about how I behave. (4.4%)
- I tend to get in trouble & this experience has made me really want to change how I behave. (5.9%)
- I rarely get into trouble & this experience had no impact on my behavior. (15.5%)
- I rarely get into trouble, but this experience has made me want to think before I act in the future. (32.8%)
- I rarely get into trouble, but this experience has made me want to change so that I don't just avoid trouble, but work to make things better for other people in the future. (27.8%)

# REAL Miscellaneous Updates!

## More Field Trips, More Possibilities

The local courthouse field trips have always been our most popular activity, but this year we ran out of standard openings for Southern Nevada schools on December 15th: that's three and a half months earlier than usual! That doesn't mean we're done though. So where do we go from here?

Project REAL has been working closely with the Downtown Las Vegas courts to schedule extra visits on Mondays and Fridays when possible. We're also building our team of volunteer field trip guides. Once everything is in place, we will be able to offer field trips in Henderson and North Las Vegas in addition to the ones we offer downtown!

That's the work we're doing to help ensure we don't have to turn anyone away, but since we deal with real working courthouses, that may take some time. For the best chance of securing your class' field trips, get registered in our new reservation system if you haven't already done so. You can get started by emailing [mkamer@projectrealnv.org](mailto:mkamer@projectrealnv.org) or find the instructions you need to do it on your own by visiting <http://bit.ly/projectrealaccountguide> !



## Get REAL Social With Us in 2017

We're becoming social butterflies and have relaunched our social media! We are currently on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and coming in April, Instagram! We'll be updating our followers on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and interesting news articles. Follow us, like us and connect with us on all these platforms.

Facebook: <http://bit.ly/projectrealfb>

Linked in: <http://bit.ly/projectrealli>

Twitter: <http://bit.ly/realtweets>

## Going Mobile in May

Since late last summer, we've been hard at work developing a mobile app. Now we're happy to announce that the app should be available before the end of the school year.

This free app will provide a multitude of services including digital copies of the books we provide your students, blogs with articles about the subjects our teaching materials cover in your classes, and easy access to our online pre-tests and post-tests.

We look forward to making a formal announcement and having you digitally join us on launch day in the coming weeks!

