

# CIVICS EDUCATION INITIATIVE AT A GLANCE



“I feel like my generation can have a huge impact on politics if we start to have conversations with both sides and discuss ways both parties can succeed and compromise, rather than all or nothing.”

## APS 2020-2021 Virtual Civics Education Initiative

### Classroom Delivery

### Internships

## FALL Classroom Curriculum

Can we agree to disagree better?

How do we evaluate misinformation, disinformation and bias?

Are you debating or deliberating?

## SPRING Student-designed APS Program

Using Project Based Learning, students will:

-**convene** to participate in a 3-day PBL experience over the course.

-be responsible for planning an **APS style Signature Program** over a topic of THEIR choosing.

-**collaborate** with partner schools from other communities.

APS provides transportation and food during collaborative days.

**215** STUDENTS

**6** CLASSROOMS IN

- Crossroads Academy
- Lee's Summit R7
- St. Theresa's High School
- Paseo Academy
- Pembroke Hill School
- The Barstow School

**7** COLLEGES/  
**UNIVERSITIES**

- William Jewell College
- University of Missouri Kansas City
- Park University
- Donnelly College
- Emory University
- Northwestern University
- Texas Christian University

**10** INTERNS

**2** Signature Events designed by produced by students

- The Cost of College: Affordability & Accessibility
- Student Loan Debt: Where Do We Go from Here?

### Making the Case

"Growing isolation threatens to create social and civic dead zones throughout the country. 'Civic deserts' describes places without adequate opportunities for civic engagement – places for discussing issues, addressing problems together, and forming relationships of mutual support."

-From "60 Percent of rural millennials lack access to a political life," Tufts University

"Our students are speeding along the information superhighway without a license. Before letting them loose, let's at least make sure they've passed the drivers' test."

- Sam Wineburg, Stanford History Education Group Founder

## 2022 PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS

Catherine Hoffman @c... · 12/6/21 ...  
What a day! Something about explaining to others what I do really renews my passion for/optimism towards journalism. I'm a proud storyteller/empathy generator today!



Cami Koons  
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Catherine Hoffman @c... · 12/6/21 ...  
@AmPublicSquare is out here creating conversation!

**6** DIVERSE CLASSROOMS

- Belton High School
- Guadalupe Centers High School
- Lee's Summit West High School
- Notre Dame de Sion High School
- Oak Hill Day School
- University Academy

**236** HIGH-SCHOOL &  
**8th GRADE**  
**STUDENTS**

- The addition of the Tucker Leadership Lab to the student experience is intended to increase the quality of student collaboration.
- The urgent need to address misinformation and disinformation led to curriculum expansion.
- Includes examination of media and personal bias, confirmation bias, echo chambers and filter bubbles.
- Engaged local journalists in classroom for learning and relationship building; given the success, we are currently considering a Media Literacy Day as a standalone event.