

VOLUNTEER WITH



DISCOVERING JUSTICE



CHILDREN DISCOVERING JUSTICE (FIELD TRIP)



Children Discovering Justice (CDJ) empowers children to stand up for their beliefs, resolve differences in constructive ways, and develop creative solutions to problems. This literacy-based social studies curriculum for grades one through six provides students with the tools they need to understand sophisticated ideas such as democracy, tolerance, rights, responsibilities, and the connection between rules and the law. **CDJ** is taught in schools and includes Courthouse field trips which build on classroom lessons and provide students with positive introductions to the justice system.

WHEN AND HOW LONG ARE CDJ FIELD TRIPS?

Field trips are typically held Tuesday through Friday mornings from November to June. Each field trip is 60-90 minutes.

WHERE WILL CDJ FIELD TRIPS TAKE PLACE?

Field trips take place in courtrooms in the Moakley U.S. Courthouse, U.S. Courthouse in Springfield, and the John Adams Courthouse.

HOW IS THE CDJ FIELD TRIP STRUCTURED?

Upon entering the Courthouse, students are given an in-depth introduction to the parts of a courtroom. With guidance from a Discovering Justice staff member and volunteers, the students read and discuss a hypothetical court case and then, in small groups, craft opening statements and closing arguments, as well as witness questions. The small group work culminates with a mock trial, jury deliberation, and a verdict from the students. There is also time at the end for questions and conversation with the volunteers.

IS THERE TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS?

Volunteers receive preparatory materials prior to the field trip with detailed instructions about the field trip. Discovering Justice staff is always available to answer any questions or provide assistance.



For more information about **Children Discovering Justice** field trips, contact **Johnny Sadoff** at 617.748.9639 or jsadoff@discoveringjustice.org.