



Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center

Educator Guide

School Tours

- All tours are guided; reservations required
- Groups up to 48, including chaperones
- Weekdays, 9 a.m.—4 p.m., except court holidays
- 60 minutes (center) or 90 minutes (with Supreme Court courtroom)

Available throughout the year, tours are docent-led, interactive, grade specific, and free of charge. Tours connect to curriculum and help students better understand the role and responsibilities of the judicial branch of government.

- Three branches of government and the powers of the judicial branch
- U.S. Constitution and Michigan Constitution
- Rights and responsibilities of citizens



Visitors learn that everyone has a role in the courtroom, including the judge, attorneys, jurors, witnesses, and the public.

Michigan Supreme Court Courtroom

To include the Michigan Supreme Court courtroom in your visit, you must request this specifically when making a tour reservation. An additional 15–30 minutes is required. Because of the Court's schedule, courtroom visits cannot be guaranteed.



The Hall of Justice is the headquarters of the state's judicial branch of government. It houses the Michigan Supreme Court (shown) and the Court of Appeals — District IV.

Inside: Educational Resources and More!

Plan Your Visit

Tours may be requested up to a year in advance by phone or by submitting an online tour request form. Tours are scheduled directly with the Learning Center.



Form courts.mi.gov/tour-request

Call 517-373-7171 | Michigan Judicial Institute

Hall of Justice

925 W. Ottawa St.
Lansing, MI 48915

Walk to/from the
State Capitol and
Michigan History
Museum



Virtual Field Trips Available — Contact Us

Educational Resources | courts.mi.gov/educational-resources



The Learning Center offers a variety of lessons, worksheets, videos, games, and more, designed to enrich everyone's understanding of the judicial branch of government. Whether you're looking for something quick or in depth, there's something for you, and it's specific to Michigan's judicial branch of government.

Explore by Topic

[Careers in the Courts](#)

Discover more about the roles of judges and court professionals through video interviews and other resources.

[Constitution](#)

Get to know more about the state and federal constitutions, plus ideas for celebrating Constitution Day.

[Court Simulations](#)

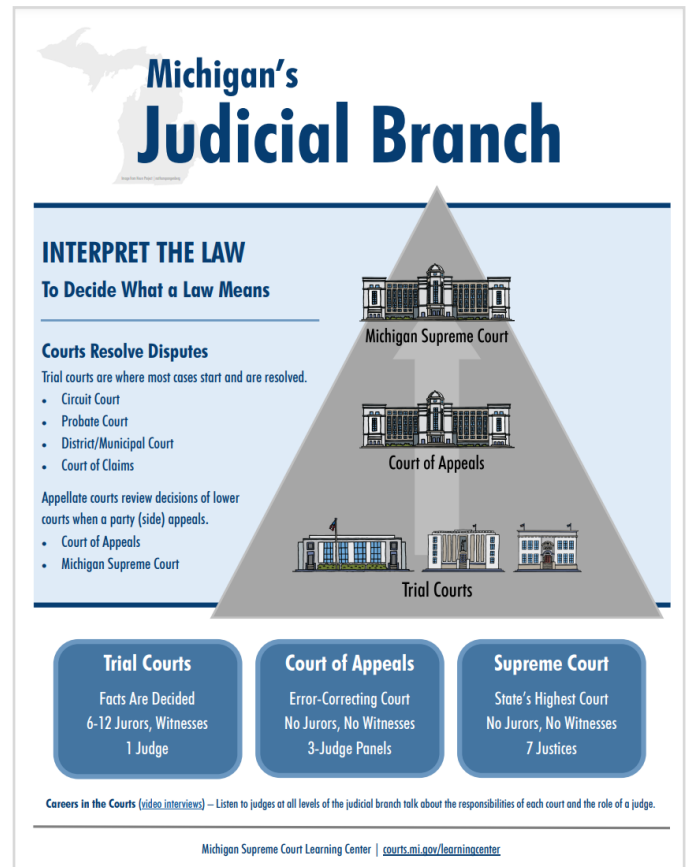
Engage students through mock trials and other court simulations.

[Michigan Court System](#)

Learn more about different types of state courts — trial courts, the Court of Appeals, and the Michigan Supreme Court — and how they differ from tribal courts and federal courts.

[Witness This!](#)

View and print posters of individuals important to the history of Michigan's judicial branch of government.



[Download this infographic](#) (and more) from Michigan Court System or Top Resources for Elementary pages

Top Resources for Elementary

All the best resources for elementary students (grades 3–5) are linked in a single location. They can be used solely in the classroom or paired with tours as pre-/post-visit lessons.

Resources include the online A Day in Court games and other materials from Learning Center tours.

courts.mi.gov/TopResourcesElem



Play the games at courts.mi.gov/dayincourt



Subscribe to *Justitia* Educator Newsletter | courts.mi.gov/justitia

Program announcements, brief readings about the judicial branch, and recommended resources for all levels

Annual Programs & Events

Law Day

The beginning of May features Law Day, a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Activities vary, depending on the national theme. Past events have examined juries, freedom of speech, separation of powers, and voting.



Summer Moot Court

This experience is for high school students interested in legal careers. Students argue a case as if before the Supreme Court. They meet with law students, lawyers, court staff, and members of the judiciary to prepare. Applications available in March.



Constitution Day

On or around September 17 the Learning Center celebrates the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787. Events include Constitution-themed tours at the Hall of Justice and virtual options.



Have You Ever Wondered

- Why does a judge wear a robe?
- May the principal search your locker?
- What do juries do? Who can serve on a jury?
- What are the options listed on a traffic ticket?
- How many Justices are on the Michigan Supreme Court?
- How do tribal, state, and federal courts in Michigan collaborate?



Get all the answers by visiting the Learning Center

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Hall of Justice

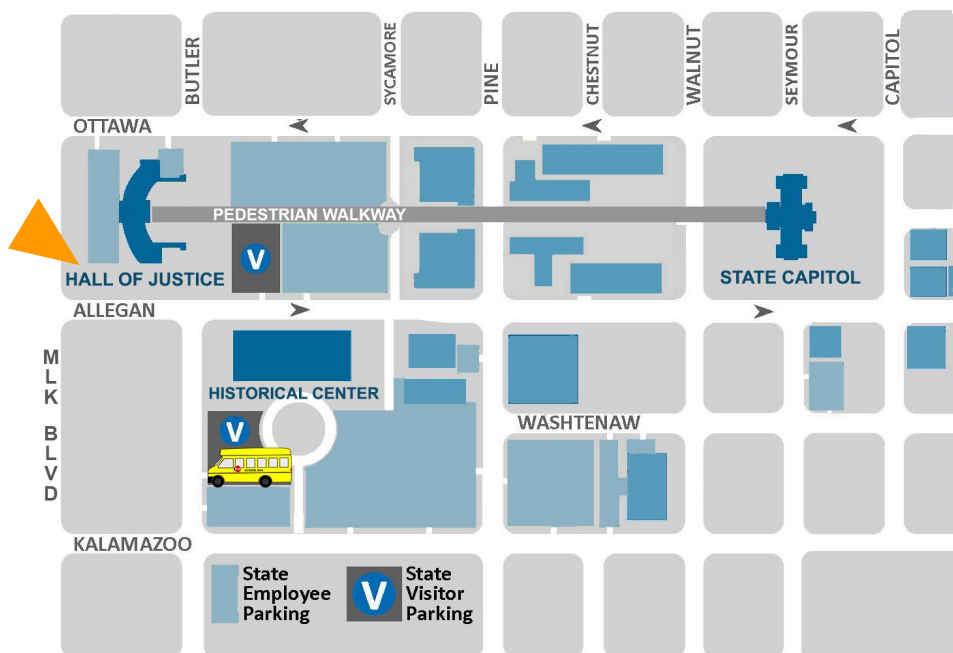
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Learn about the judicial branch of government through tours and educational resources

courts.mi.gov/learningcenter



School Tours

Cost FREE!

Hours Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Call 517-373-7171 or request online

Located at 925 W. Ottawa St., Lansing, west of the **State Capitol** and near the **Michigan History Museum**

Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center | Downtown Lansing