



**Street Law courses strive to empower young people to be active, engaged citizens by equipping them with the knowledge and skills they need to successfully participate and create change in their communities.**

### **Benefits of a Street Law Course**

**A Street Law course benefits young people in numerous ways! It provides them with practical, relevant content that they can use in their daily lives, while developing skills that are important for civic and workplace success.**

### **Common Core State Standards**

**The Street Law course provides authentic context that helps students develop the reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills that are central to the Common Core. A Street Law elective course will provide students with opportunities to demonstrate proficiency within the English Language Arts Literacy and Civic standards. Students who take part in Street Law activities discuss and write about current and controversial issues, engage in simulations of democratic practices, receive pertinent civic instruction, and learn how to formulate arguments in support of policies they advocate.**

### **Community Connections**

**There are many opportunities throughout the Street Law curriculum to either bring community resources into the classroom or to travel outside the classroom to connect students to their local legal community. While standards alignment is important, so too is the opportunity for students to see real life examples of how the legal community functions. Adding community connections to an already rich legal curriculum can bring the law to life for your students, while giving students the opportunity to consider possible careers in law, law enforcement, and government.**