

AGENDA FOR 2026 TEACHER INSTITUTE
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

- 8:30-9:00 a.m.** **Registration**
- 9:00-9:10 a.m.** **Welcome and Overview**
- 9:10-10:00 a.m.** **The Roles of Federal Judges and the Rule of Law:** *A federal judge will describe the roles of federal judges and discuss how and why the United States Constitution establishes the rule of law.*
- 10:00-10:20 a.m.** **The First Amendment in Schools:** *A federal judge will explain the landmark Supreme Court case of Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1969), which held that students had a First Amendment right to wear armbands to protest the Vietnam War and discuss later cases that extended Tinker to off-campus speech.*
- 10:20-10:50 a.m.** **Oral Argument Preparation:** *Federal law clerks and interns will work with teachers to prepare oral arguments in the fictional case of Meadow Belle v. Sudden Valley Sch. Dist., in which a student was disciplined by the school for the content of her off-campus speech.*
- 10:50-11:00 a.m.** **BREAK**
- 11:00-11:55 a.m.** **Oral Arguments:** *Federal judges will preside over mock oral arguments in Meadow Belle v. Sudden Valley Sch. Dist.*
- 12:00-1:00 p.m.** **LUNCH**
- 12:15-1:00 p.m.** **The Evolving Fourth Amendment:** *A federal judge will explain the Fourth Amendment right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures and lead a discussion about how evolving technologies impact this important constitutional right.*
- 1:00-2:15 p.m.** **Overview of a Criminal Case:** *Federal agents and a federal prosecutor will discuss the techniques used to develop cases for criminal prosecution, as well as the grand jury process and its role in a criminal case. Next, a federal judge, pretrial services officer, and an assistant federal public defender will explain a defendant's rights upon arrest as well as the factors considered in whether to release a criminal defendant prior to trial.*

- 2:15-2:30 p.m.** **BREAK**
- 2:30-3:00 p.m.** **Overview of a Civil Case:** *A federal judge will discuss the basics of a civil lawsuit, as well as alternative dispute resolution options.*
- 3:00-4:15 p.m.** **Mock Trial Demonstration:** *Members of the University of Dayton School of Law Mock Trial Team will put on an abbreviated demonstration of State of Lonestar v. Joshua Jones and Peter Jones, a mock trial case developed by the American College of Trial Lawyers. Two cousins, Joshua and Peter Jones, are charged with felony murder after a robbery at a local convenience store, where Jimmy Roberts, the store clerk, was shot twice. The suspects were seen driving away in a mint green metallic convertible. Later on, the Joneses were discovered to have stolen a mint green metallic convertible with cash, a gun, and a bloody hoodie found inside. Teachers will also learn applicable rules of evidence and courtroom procedures.*
- 4:15-4:30 p.m.** **Wrap-Up and Concluding Remarks**