

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS *in ACTION* POSTER CONTEST 2017

Of the three major forms of government in the United States – federal, state, and local – none affects citizens more directly than local government. Local governments provide citizens with essential services, such as police and fire protection, streets and roads, libraries, recreation, clean water, schools, and so much more.



- WHAT?** **STUDENTS** create an **8.5" X 11" POSTER** showing a **PROGRAM OR SERVICE** provided by the family of local government (cities, counties, school districts, and special districts).
- THEME?** **LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS SAFE, CLEAN, FUN, HELPFUL, AND SMART.**
(Students select one or all five themes)
- WHO?** The contest is open to **1ST THROUGH 5TH GRADE STUDENTS IN COLORADO.**
PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED. Open for only the first 20 teachers committing to participate by sending an email to lwhite@cml.org.
- DATES?** Completed **POSTERS MUST BE RECEIVED** electronically or postmarked by **MAY 5.**
WINNERS will be announced by May 15.
- PRIZES?** **SIX WINNERS** will be selected, **ONE FOR EACH THEME** (Safe, Clean, Fun, Helpful, Smart) and **ONE FEATURING ALL FIVE THEMES.** Each winner will receive a **\$50 GIFT CARD.** Winning posters will also be featured in a 2017 monthly calendar, which will be distributed to teachers and local government officials statewide. Winners and teachers will also receive a copy of the calendar.
- JUDGING?** Judging will be based on whether the poster is **INFORMATIVE**, how well it connects to the **THEME**, and visual **PRESENTATION** (neat, visually appealing).
- RULES?** Each 8.5" x 11" poster entry must include:
1. The name of a local government program or service associated with a city, county, school district, or special district.
Examples include: Police, Sanitation, Parks, Recycling, Elections, Libraries, Roads, Transportation, etc.
 2. A specific theme the student associates with the program or service.
"Local Government is _____." (Safe, Clean, Fun, Helpful, or Smart).
 3. Hand drawn, electronic, or a combination of images illustrating the program or service.
 4. On the back or on a separate sheet of paper, include the student's name and a brief explanation of the service depicted and how it connects to the theme. No more than 50 words.
 5. Students may work alone or in small groups at the teacher's discretion.
- WANT TO PARTICIPATE OR HAVE QUESTIONS?** Contact Lisa White, Colorado Municipal League membership services manager, at **303-831-6411, 866-578-0936, OR LWHITE@CML.ORG.**
- LESSONS?** Visit **WWW.LESSONSONLOCALGOVERNMENT.ORG** for lessons, links, ideas, and more.
- LIKE US ON FACEBOOK.**

SAFE



CLEAN



FUN



HELPFUL



SMART



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Lessons that meet Colorado's social studies and civics standards are just a click away!

Visit www.lessonsonlocalgovernment.org, where you will find numerous local government lesson plans to use in your classroom. You can use them as they are or customize them to make them resonate better with your students.

Lessons on Local Government (LOLG) was written by Colorado teachers for Colorado teachers. Nothing makes government come alive like local leaders and issues. These lessons engage students in topics that exist right out their back doors.

Of special interest is the "Local Leader in the Classroom Kit," which helps teachers bring into their classrooms government leaders who are dedicated to teaching students so that they can be effective and trusted community members.

As one teacher recently shared...

With great resources like this I get to do what I do best, teach kids, instead of spending a lot of time writing curriculum.

This website is your "one-stop" location for curriculum materials, links to worldwide and state resources, and innovative community and student engagement activities. Check it out, and share it with your colleagues!