



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

EMPOWERING TEENS FOR A STRONGER DEMOCRACY

YMCA Michigan Youth in Government

PROGRAM IN BRIEF

It is more important than ever to teach civic engagement to young people in a meaningful and constructive way. YMCA Michigan Youth in Government builds leaders through real life experience. We center our program on the YMCA core values of Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility. Each Spring more than 1,000 students converge on Lansing where they elect their own leaders, debate their own ideas and build a vision for a better tomorrow. Students participate as members of the legislative or executive branch, debate in National Issues Forum, compete in Mock Trial, or become lobbyists or members of the press corps. In our program students legislate, debate and compromise with peers from all across the state. Through our hands-on model government program, you can ensure that democracy is learned by each generation. Get started today!



MICHIGAN SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT EXAMPLES

YMCA MYIG students debate, deliberate, research, write and about issues that are important to them. By voting, signing petitions and completing jury selection, they take what they learn in the classroom and put it into action. Below are a few competencies addressed at MYIG. The whole list can be found under the "Roadmap to Citizenship" on myig.org/toolkit

P3.1 - Identifying and Analyzing Public Issues - Selecting, researching, and writing a bill, on an issue important to their community.

C1.1 - Purpose of Government - Deliberate the purposes and roles of government with peers from all across Michigan.

C3.3 - Describe and analyze how groups and individuals influence public policy - Deliberate across a diverse range of ideas, people and stakeholders including media, lobbyist and cabinet officials.

C6.3.2 - Rights and Responsibilities of Civic Society - Vote in an election, analyze candidates through various media and forms including Town Halls, speeches, ads and interaction.

COLLABORATE, DEBATE, ENGAGE

Every year teens from across Michigan come together to share their vision for building better communities. As senators, representatives, lobbyists, attorneys and members of the press; YMCA MYIG students learn first-hand how democracy works. During the conference, teens share their ideas, gain new perspectives and learn how policy affects our daily lives. Join YMCA MYIG and watch your students grow and thrive in our one-of-a kind, hands-on, democracy in action program. For more information, contact us today!

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Senators & Representatives

Research, present and debate bills in the House and Senate Chambers.

Contemporary Issues Forum

Research an assigned question and compete as a team in a standard debate format.

Political Compromise

Research a policy question, debate with other stakeholders and develop a recommendation.



High School Program

Senators & Representatives

Research, present and debate bills in the House and Senate

Governor's Cabinet
Advocate for the Youth Governor's agenda and defend against veto overrides.

Press Corps
Develop and produce daily print and video coverage of the hot topics across the conference.

National Issues Forum

Research and debate issues of national and/or international importance.

Lobbyists

Influence passage of legislation through lobbying of peers, initiate citizen petitions.

Model Judiciary Program

Prepare as a witness and an attorney to compete in a round robin Mock Trial tournament.



Contact Us!

P.O. Box 4279 East Lansing, MI 48826 - Phone: (517) 639-4480 - E-mail: staff@myig.org
Website: www.myig.org