



Experiential Learning

Reasons To Learn About Your State Government



It Affects Your Daily Life



It's Where a Lot of Policy Gets Made



It Helps You Understand Your Rights and Responsibilities



It Prepares You for Civic Participation



It Offers Career and Leadership Opportunities



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Youth in Government

Youth & Government is a civic-education program by the YMCA that puts students in the seats of policymakers. Students take on the roles of legislators, lobbyists, court officials, or members of the governor's cabinet in a simulation of the Maine State government. Every November, MCI students travel to the State House in Augusta and engage in this simulation of the legislative process. Students write all the bills, lead the committees through public hearings and work sessions, then lead the floor sessions in the Maine House and Senate. In recent years, members of the Maine legislature and bureaucracy have spoken directly with the student delegates to give them insights into the way the Maine government works and citizen responsibilities. This is a hands-on opportunity to learn about government with students from around the state in the "room where it happens."

