

CAPITOL FORUM ON AMERICA'S FUTURE

Inspiring the next generation of voters and public servants with the *Choices* curriculum from Brown University

Today's high school students are tomorrow's leaders and need to be engaged citizens. Using the *Choices* curriculum from Brown University, made available to Nebraska teachers at no cost by Humanities Nebraska, you can empower your students to stay interested in and informed about crucial international issues.

As they learn about international trade, immigration, terrorism, climate change, and nuclear proliferation, this program can instill in them the power to hold thoughtful conversations and make educated decisions.

STUDENT BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Develop critical thinking skills
- Understand foreign policy and current events
- Cultivate deliberative techniques and skills in civil discourse
- Discuss important issues with peers from throughout the state as well as with Nebraska's elected officials

BENEFITS FOR TEACHERS/SCHOOLS:

- High quality *Choices digital* curriculum units, including two of the teacher's choice, for semester or year-long study
- Professional development through presentations by an expert in one of the five Capitol Forum themes
- Outstanding professional learning community with other social studies teachers from across Nebraska
- Travel costs (including lodging, if applicable) are covered for teachers and students
- Substitute teacher pay reimbursement to schools

"I now feel obligated to look at all the angles and sides before making a decision or voting on a topic."

—2019 Participating Student



"Students are able to have discussions with other students, and they have to think critically. They learn different options and defend positions, even ones that are not their own."

—2018 Participating Teacher

APPLY BY JULY 1 FOR CAPITOL FORUM 2020-2021.

CHOICES WEBINAR: FALL 2020

An online workshop introduces teachers to the *Choices* approach and includes a teacher-led idea exchange.

SCHOOL-BASED STUDY

Students learn about and discuss issues in U.S. foreign policy using the *Choices* curriculum.

CAPITOL FORUM DAY: MARCH 2021*

Student representatives from each participating school meet at the State Capitol to engage in a deeper exploration of alternative policy directions.

*Date TBD relevant to public policy on large gatherings at that time.

CLASS DELIBERATION AND BALLOT: MARCH/APRIL 2021

Following the Forum at the State Capitol, teachers and student representatives lead classmates in a two-day lesson plan fostering consideration of the issues. At the end of the discussion, students will complete the Student Ballot on America's Future online.

SHARING OF BALLOT RESULTS: MAY 2021

A report of the ballot results will be distributed to high schools and news media, as well as state and federal elected officials.

To learn more, please visit:
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