MISSISSIPPI CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY

Liberty & Leadership Roadshow

A leadership program in economics and civics for Mississippi schools

A free, interactive program that brings economics and civics directly into the classroom. Students learn how a free economy and a free society work — and then lead the debate themselves.

Leadership | Student-led debate | Teamwork | Games & simulations

NEW CIVICS REQUIREMENT

2027–28

Grades 8–12
SB 2294

Mississippi's new civics law requires every public and charter school to teach civics from eighth grade. Instruction must be nonpartisan, with an emphasis on the Bill of Rights, the separation of powers and federalism, and "free speech and civil discourse, using historical references, congressional and public debates, including current public policy issues."

The Roadshow brings those debates into your classroom, with your students leading them — at no cost, with materials and facilitation provided.

What will students learn?

Five short sessions in economics and civics

1

I, Pencil: Cooperation & Exchange

How do millions of strangers cooperate to make something as ordinary as a pencil?

CIVICS LINK
Close reading of a primary text

2

Prices

How do prices carry information and coordinate the choices of consumers and producers?

CIVICS LINK
Debating a current public policy issue

3

Property Rights & the Rule of Law

Why does ownership matter, and how do stable rules support prosperity?

CIVICS LINK
The Bill of Rights: the Fifth Amendment

4

Free Trade

Why do people trade, and how can voluntary exchange benefit both sides?

CIVICS LINK
Separation of powers: who sets tariffs?

5

Enterprise

How do profit, loss, innovation and entrepreneurship reward creating value for others?

CIVICS LINK
Critical thinking: the seen and the unseen

Students lead: substantive economics and civics, not advocacy

Examine the ideas → **Test them in exercises** → **Lead the debate on both sides**

Working in teams, students make the case on each side, present to their peers and defend their reasoning — building the confidence to speak up and lead, while applying the principles of economics and civics to real-world issues.

STANDARD VISIT

~3 hours

Or condensed into a class period, block, assembly, or another format that fits your schedule.

What does a visit look like?

Short presentations, interactive exercises and student-led debate. Students work through economics and civics concepts themselves and take the lead on real policy questions, like:

What happens when prices are capped after a hurricane?

Who bears the costs of a tariff?

Expert-led
Douglas Carswell, MCPP President & CEO, with guest academics from Mississippi universities.

Proven model
Follows the Free Market Roadshow model delivered in schools across Texas and Alabama.

Evaluated
Each visit ends with a short student evaluation, shared with your school.

MCPP PROVIDES

- ✓ Speakers & facilitation
- ✓ Activity kits
- ✓ Teaching materials
- ✓ All program travel

YOUR SCHOOL PROVIDES

- ✓ A space
- ✓ Participating students

$0
cost to the school or students

Who is it for, and where can it lead?

Built for Mississippi high schoolers in economics, government and civics classes, civics clubs, NHS chapters, student councils — and any student ready to lead. It's the first step on a leadership ladder:

STEP 1
Liberty & Leadership Roadshow
In your classroom

STEP 2
Liberty & Leadership Summit
In Jackson

STEP 3
Internships
With statewide elected officials

≈ 1 in 3 recent Academy graduates have gone on to intern with or work for state leaders, including the Attorney General and State Auditor.

NOW SCHEDULING

Host a Roadshow in 2026–27

Send a few dates, the class or group, and about how many students. We'll handle the rest.

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