



Maryland Education Standards High School: Grades 9-12

Philadelphia is best seen by foot, and The Constitutional Walking Tour of Philadelphia (“The Constitutional”) offers the unique opportunity to follow in the Founding Fathers’ footsteps and discover America’s Birthplace. The Constitutional guides you through the Independence National Historical Park area by connecting the buildings and places where the events of the American Revolution transpired. The Constitutional tells the dramatic story of the brave men and women who were responsible for creating America.

The Constitutional Walking Tour is also an excellent tool to help you and your students meet state education requirements in a fun and interactive way. This document provides a detailed listing of the Maryland State Education Standards that The Constitutional addresses during your journey through Historic Philadelphia. This guide is for Maryland High School students, Grades 9-12. If you are interested in viewing an overview for other grade levels or states, please visit our Web site at: <http://www.TheConstitutional.com/standards> .

In addition, once you book a tour with us, we help you make the most of your visit to Historic Philadelphia with The Constitutional Walking Tour’s FREE Teacher Resource Guide, which provides useful information on Historic Philadelphia, including pre-trip and post-trip exercises. We appreciate how stressful it can be to plan field trips so we have created various other resources to assist you including itineraries, directions, lunch recommendations, bus parking options and a survival guide!

In addition, The Constitutional offers many other resources, including:

- Turnkey Trip Planning Assistance for Educators
- Special Teacher Phone Hours, Before & After School
- Certificates of Achievement
- Dining Recommendations
- Directions, Drop-off & Parking Instructions
- Teacher Appreciation Days in the Summer
- Constitution Day Resources & American Freedom Essay Contest

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Maryland Education Standards – Overview

Elementary: Grades 9-12

Standard (summary)	Relevance to The Constitutional Walking Tour
Identify symbols, artifacts and people important to the United States of America.	The Constitutional Walking Tour takes students on a walking journey through Historic Philadelphia, often called America’s most historic square mile. The Constitutional provides students with the unique opportunity to get a firsthand look at the places where some of the most important people in the history of the United States lived and worked. Students also view some of the most important artifacts and symbols of the nation, including Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and the nation’s first flag.
Identify some of the key ideas of important documents such as The Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.	On The Constitutional Walking Tour, students learn about important foundational documents such as The Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights; students actually get to see the sites where these documents were drafted, debated and signed.
Describe individual rights and responsibilities in the United States.	As the Birthplace of The Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, Philadelphia is a great place to come to learn about the rights and responsibilities of American citizens. The Constitutional Walking Tour brings the creation of these foundational documents to life since students see where these documents were authored and learn about the men who created them. Students also learn about many of the individual rights that these documents guarantee, as well as why these documents are so important.

For a more detailed explanation about how The Constitutional Walking Tour applies to the standards of your grade, please click on the appropriate link below:

- [Grades 9-12: Government](#)
- [Grades 9-12: United States History](#)

For the State Education Standards of other grades in Maryland, or the State Education Standards in other states, see www.TheConstitutional.com/standards .

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Grades 9-12: Government

Source: <http://mdk12.org/instruction/hsvsc/government/standard1.html>

Standard	Description	Relevance to The Constitutional Walking Tour
1.0 A 1 B	“Explain how the powers of government are divided and shared on the federal and state levels including delegated, reserved and concurrent powers.”	As the former Capital of the United States, Philadelphia was home to all three branches of the U.S. government. Students learn about the “system of checks and balances,” visit the location of each of the three branches of government, and learn about each branch in late 1700s and early 1800s.
1.0 A 2 G	“Explain the fundamental principles of American government contained in the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, United States Constitution and the Maryland Constitution.”	On The Constitutional Walking Tour, in addition to students learning about The Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, and the United States Constitution, students actually get to travel to the locations where these foundational documents were written and signed. A firsthand look at these important locations can help students understand the documents and their fundamental principles.
1.0 A 2 I	“Identify the rights in the Bill of Rights and how they protect individuals and limit the power of government.”	The Constitutional Walking Tour takes students to Congress Hall, the location where the Bill of Rights was signed. Students discuss some of the individual freedoms that the Bill of Rights has guaranteed.

Grades 9-12: United States History

Source: http://mdk12.org/instruction/hsvsc/us_history/standard5.html

Standard	Description	Relevance to The Constitutional Walking Tour
1.0 A 1 E	<p>“Examine African-American responses to the denial of civil rights such as the rise of African-American churches, African-American newspapers, historically black colleges and the responses of individuals such as Ida B. Wells, W.E.B. DuBois, and Booker T. Washington.”</p>	<p>On The Constitutional Walking Tour, students learn about William Penn and his “Holy Experiment,” which gave the people of Pennsylvania religious freedom. This religious freedom led to the founding of many diverse and historic Philadelphia congregations. Among the congregations discussed on The Constitutional Walking Tour is Mother Bethel Church, founded by abolitionist Richard Allen; Mother Bethel is the oldest African Methodist Episcopal Congregation in America.</p> <p>On The Constitutional Walking Tour, students learn about the University of Pennsylvania and see the location where it originally was based. The University of Pennsylvania was founded by Benjamin Franklin, and it was the first university in America. W.E.B. DuBois would later work at the University of Pennsylvania as a researcher while living in Philadelphia. It was during this time that DuBois penned “The Philadelphia Negro,” the landmark study that is considered the first case study of an African American community.</p>

Note: Although deemed accurate, the information, descriptions and data contained herein is subject to interpretation, errors and omissions; additionally the content herein is subject to change without notice. As such, please verify with your school’s administration to ensure that The Constitutional Walking Tour meets the educational requirements of your school. The Constitutional Walking Tour’s Teacher Resource Guide also offers supplemental lessons on various subject matters discussed in this standards overview. While we strive to provide a consistent tour offering of The Constitutional Walking Tour, certain tours hosted by different tour guides may be slightly different or change over time. That said, if there are certain important historical figures, places or events that you would like your students to learn about on The Constitutional, please make sure that you discuss these in writing at least two weeks in advance of your tour, and The Constitutional Walking Tour will work with you to try and reasonably accommodate your request. To the extent that there is custom content or sites requested on a customized tour, additional fees may apply.

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