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TVW Launches New Education Resource, *TeachWithTVW.org*

TVW today announced the launch of *TeachWithTVW.org*, a dynamic new civics education resource for teachers and students that connects Washington state classrooms directly to the legislative process.

Teach WithTVW.org offers short clips of TVW programming, organized by teaching topics, and linked to Washington’s civics education standards. In addition, the site features civic education videos designed for classroom use as well as “gavel-to-gavel” video of youth and student events.

“Educators across Washington are looking for imaginative ways to ensure that all students have opportunities to become engaged, informed citizens,” said Caleb Perkins, Social Studies/International Education Program Supervisor for OSPI, “To help these educators meet this goal, *TeachWithTVW.org* provides engaging multimedia to help local issues and civics instruction come alive. It also includes powerful examples of the creative ways in which teachers are helping students become active participants in our society and political system. We are very fortunate to have this new resource in our state.”

TeachWithTVW.org is available publicly, and well as on Washington’s high-speed, high-capacity K-20 Network. The network links K-12 school districts, libraries, colleges, and universities – across 476 locations in Washington. *TeachWithTVW.org* will serve as a central location from which teachers and students can access TVW’s extensive online archives and educational resources.

“In addition to providing helpful video resources related to state government, the Teach With TVW website showcases best practices and actual stories from the classroom that enhance and extend civics education,” said Paula Fraser, a teacher at Stevenson Elementary School in Bellevue and past President of the Washington State Council for the Social Studies. “Teach With TVW is a very valuable tool for educators in preparing young people to assume the highest office of the land – citizen.”



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In addition to clips of TVW programming (with new clips added weekly), *TeachWithTVW.org* offers:

- Episodes of *Engaged – Students Becoming Citizens*, which highlight civic education programs in Washington, such as Project Citizen and the Legislative Youth Advisory Council
- Links to youth-related programming, such as the “We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution” state competition, as well as the YMCA’s Youth Legislature

Visit TVW’s new education website at www.teachwithtvw.org

For more information about the K-20 Network, visit: <http://www.wa-k20.net/index.php>

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TVW, often called the Washington state version of C-SPAN, provides unedited gavel-to-gavel television coverage of the Washington State Legislature, Supreme Court, executive branch, state boards and commissions, elections, and public policy events of statewide significance. While most of its programming is gavel-to-gavel, TVW produces a number of shows including *Inside Olympia*, *Olympia On-Call*, *Legislative Week in Review*, *The Docket*, *The Faces and Places of Washington State*, and civics education videos. Cable television carries TVW for free, reaching 99% of the cable households in Washington, representing about 55% of the state population. Viewers can also watch TVW programs on demand at tvw.org, which includes the largest archive of legislative streaming media in the world.