Student Participation Agreement

Dear parents and guardians,

Congratulations on your child being selected to participate in this program funded by a grant designed to enrich their understanding of American History, Civics, and Government; and to engage in experiential learning opportunities and serve as a student leader in their school. Your child will be one of only 150 Georgia students to be selected in Georgia.

The Georgia Center for Civic Engagement is a non-partisan nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate and equip students to become informed and active citizens. This program is one of many that we offer to help students develop their civic knowledge and sense of civic identity.

Below you will find a timeline of activities that your child will be required to participate in as a part of the program. The only cost to your child will be spending money for snacks and souvenirs, if desired. Everything else is organized and funded by the grant and the school!

1. **Attend Youth Assembly in Atlanta, Georgia November 30-Dec 2.** Youth Assembly is a three-day learning opportunity for high school students, grades 9-12, designed to give participants an experience in the operation of Georgia's State Government. Legislators meet in committees and in the House and Senate chambers to debate legislation.

2. **Attend virtual meetings and complete assignments throughout the school year through the Emerging Civic Leaders Program**, a virtual local government leadership training program where students research and analyze their county or city of residence, evaluate key statewide issues and opportunities, and propose solutions while collaborating with other representatives across the state. Throughout the year, students will complete modules that will connect them with state and local officials and address the following topics: American History, Civil Rights, Georgia Supreme Court, Cities and Counties, Congress, State Government, Elections and Voting Rights.

3. **Attend Summer History Tour, June 21-28, 2026.** The eight-day American History Tour provides an immersive experience to allow students and educators the opportunity to explore, engage with, and encounter some of the country's most important historical locations in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and in Washington, D.C. Historical and educational sites.

4. **Adhere to any school or district policies regarding behavior.** Any violation of proper behavior policies may result in removal from participation.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you and your student have reviewed the Program Participation Expectations (including dates of events) and are able and willing to attend and participate fully in each.

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name	Student Printed Name
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Parent/Guardian Signature	Student Signature
_____	_____
Date	Date

In consideration for my child or ward being permitted to participate in the services and programs of The Georgia Center for Civic Engagement, Inc. ("Center"), I, on behalf of myself and my child or ward, and his or her heirs, personal representatives, assigns and next-of-kin, do hereby agree to the following:

1. I understand that the activities that my child or ward will be engaging in while he or she is in or upon the premises of the Center, using any of its facilities, services or equipment, or participating in any Center program or activity are inherently risky and potentially hazardous and I, for and on behalf of my child or ward, hereby accept full responsibility for, and risk of, any injury to my child or ward or loss or damage to his or her property that may occur as a result thereof.

2. I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue the Center, its successors and assigns, and its directors, officers, employees, and agents (collectively, the "Releasees") from all claims, demands, damages, losses and causes of action arising or resulting from any injury to my child or ward or loss or damage to his or her property that may occur while my child or ward is in or upon the premises of the Center or using any of its facilities, services or equipment, or participating in any Center program or activity.

3. I hereby indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from all loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur due to my child's or ward's presence in or upon the premises of the Center or use of its facilities, services or equipment, or participation in any Center program or activity.

4. In the event of injury, I hereby authorize the Releasees to provide or cause to provide such medical care and treatment to my child or ward as may be necessary and appropriate. I understand that I am solely responsible for all costs incurred for such medical care or treatment.

5. I further understand that if my child or ward fails to abide by the rules and regulations of the Center, he or she is subject to removal from the premises of the Center and/or removal from participation in Center programs. I hereby give my permission to the Center to use indefinitely, without limitation or obligation, photographs, film footage, or tape recordings which may include my child's or ward's image or voice for the purpose of promoting or interpreting Center programs and activities.

6. I give permission for photographs, videos, and likenesses of my child taken during program activities to be used for promotion and documentation of those activities.

7. I, as a parent or guardian of the above-named minor, hereby give my permission for my child or ward to use the facilities and services of the Center and to participate in the programs and activities offered by the Center.

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date