I am absolutely thrilled with the educational value of this trip. It brought to life an entire chapter of learning for my class. Our tour guide was informative and answered questions well. She was terrific!

—4th grade teacher at St. Benedict's School, Holmdel, NJ

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It was a chance for the students to experience what we had taught them in school.

—4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School, Rahway, NJ

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INSPIRING STUDENTS OF TODAY TO BECOME ENGAGED CITIZENS OF TOMORROW!

# **SCHEDULE A TOUR CALL 609-847-3150**

### **★ MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY** (excluding holidays).

Reservations are accepted on a first-come basis. Attendance limits include adults. Tours and programs meet NJ Core Curriculum Social Studies Standards.

## \* STATE HOUSE TOUR

**Grades:** 3–12 • Monday–Friday

Attendance limit: 50 Length: 60 minutes

Visit the Senate and General Assembly Chambers and view historic spaces, art and architecture. Students learn how laws are made and the citizen's role in the process.





### \* SYMBOLS TOUR

**Grades:** K–2 • Monday–Friday **Attendance limit:** 25

**Length:** 40 minutes

Explore the many symbols found in the State House and learn how they are used to represent our government and State.

# \* FOR VISITORS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

**Grades:** 3–12 • Monday–Friday

Attendance limit: 15 Length: 75 minutes

A tactile tour for students who are blind or visually impaired provides a hands-on experience for learning how laws are made and the citizen's role in the process.



**Please Note:** The State House is a working office building subject to unannounced room closings. Dates and schedules may change without notice. Closings are more likely to occur on Mondays and Thursdays while the Legislature is in session. The Governor and legislators do not routinely meet with tour groups.



The tour aligned beautifully with our state standards/curriculum.
The tour guide was informative, and the students loved their visit!

—4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at F.N. Brown School, Verona, NJ

# ADD A SPECIAL PROGRAM...

### \* MAKE-A-LAW!

**Grades:** 3–12 • Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Attendance limit: 45
Minimum Attendance: 15

**Length:** 30 minutes

Students assume the role of lawmakers and learn the process of bill passage by demonstrating the skills of debate, negotiation and compromise.

# ENROLL IN OUTREACH PROGRAMS...

# \* AMERICA'S LEGISLATORS BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM

### September-June

New Jersey legislators will make special efforts to visit local schools and provide students with personal insights into the value of public service and the lawmaking process. To schedule a visit, contact your local legislative district representatives. Go to: "Find Your Legislator" at **www.njleg.state.nj.us**. For more information, call 609-847-3150.

### \* THE STATE HOUSE EXPRESS

The Rutgers Eagleton Institute of Politics provides grant awards to eligible teachers of grades 6–12 social studies classes to offset the cost of transportation to the State House. Grant applications are available at: **www.eagleton.rutgers.edu**. Call 732-932-9384 ext. 245.



### \* VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

A distance learning program brings the Make-A-Law! experience to your classroom through a video conference.

# EXPLORE AN EXHIBIT...

### \* JUST IN JERSEY

Monday-Friday • Welcome Center

Multi-media exhibits offer something for everyone. Students can explore the history of the State House, find fun facts about our State's famous people and places, and learn about lawmaking.

# SCHEDULE A TOUR OR PROGRAM CALL 609-847-3150

Maximum group size is 50 (includes adults).

One chaperone per 10 students required. If your group exceeds the limit, schedule multiple tours. Sign language interpretors are available, provided the request is made at least five days prior to the tour.

### **LUNCH ACCOMMODATIONS:**

A space within walking distance of the State House is available for brown bag lunching.

Reservations are required to use the space.

### Before your visit you will receive:

- Confirmation of your group's schedule
- An order form for FREE educational materials
- Area map and directions to the State House
- Parking and entrance information.

Visit the Teacher Resources page at: www.njleg.state.nj.us for more information.

The guide exceeded our expectations and we were treated to some really great experiences.

—4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at McKinley Elementary School, Westfield, NJ