James F. Ackerman Center for Democratic Citizenship

PURPOSE:
The Ackerman Center has at its mission to assume a national leadership role in preparing new generations of American citizens.

The Ackerman Center is housed in the College of Education at Purdue University. Founded in 1994 with a generous endowment from James F. Ackerman, the Center has focused on providing programs, institutes, activities and resources from integrating citizenship in schools and community.

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Check-out the books and resources including the following topics:

- History
- Law
- Politics and Democracy
- Multicultural Education
- Citizenship Education
- Social Studies Teaching Methods and Textbooks
- Wide Collection of Children’s Literature

Professional Development for K-12 Teachers:
- Teachers participating in 5-day workshops The Ackerman Fellows Summer Citizenship Education Institute.
- Pre-service Teachers Workshops on Civic Education Programs Project Citizen and We The People.
- Teachers (K-6) participating in Summer Institute (in collaboration with Center for Literacy Education and Research, Purdue University) that focuses on teaching social studies content during 90 minute reading block and technology integration (2012, 2013, 2015).

Student Engagement:
- Co-coordinator for Indiana for the Civic Education Programs Project Citizen and We The People...The Citizen and the Constitution.
- Purdue University’s Holocaust Remembrance Student/Teacher Programs.
- Purdue University’s Constitution Day Celebration.
- Partner in Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Summer Institute for 45 high school students from 35 countries.

Collaboration at Purdue University:
- Purdue Series on Corporate Citizenship and Ethics in collaboration with Purdue’s Krannert School of Management.

Recent Research/Scholarly Initiatives:
- Data collection about: Impact of Digital Gaming on Students’ History Knowledge.
- Data collection on teachers’ civic identity.