

Who Can Apply

The Teachers Institute is limited to no more than 25 Montana teachers of government, civics, social studies, and history who are assigned to teach in the 2010-2011 school year. Preference will be given to high school and middle school teachers. Cultural and geographic diversity of participants is desired.

How to Apply

- Complete the form below.
- Attach a statement of no more than one page explaining why you are qualified for and interested in the institute. Describe how you think your students would benefit from your participation.
- Make a photocopy of the application for your records.
- Mail completed application and statement by April 10 to:

**Teachers Institute
c/o Sally Broughton
10663 Bridger Canyon Road
Bozeman, MT 59715**

Applicants will be notified of acceptance by April 20, 2010.

Please print or type; all information is required.

Your Name _____

Grade You Teach _____ Subject _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

School Phone _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

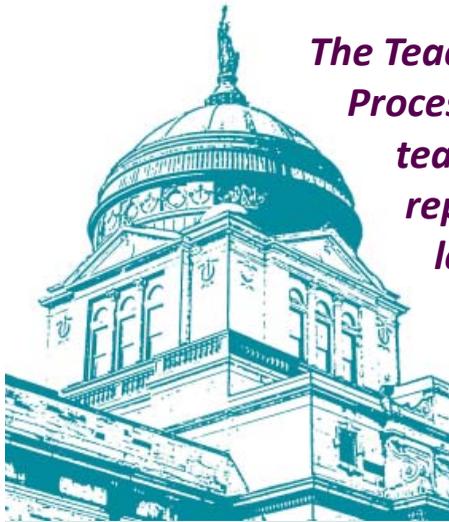
Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____



**Teachers Institute
c/o Sally Broughton
10663 Bridger Canyon Road
Bozeman, MT 59715**

**Teachers Institute
Representative Democracy
& the Legislative Process**



The Teachers Institute on Representative Democracy and the Legislative Process is a free 2.5-day professional development program for Montana teachers. Its purpose is to encourage and enhance teaching about representative democracy, the role of the state Legislature, the legislative process, and the importance of and avenues to civic engagement. OPI continuing education credits offered.

Agenda*

MONDAY, JUNE 14

8:00-Noon Registration, Capitol tours available
 Noon-1:00 Lunch on own
 1:00-1:45 Welcome activities
 1:45-2:45 Legislator panel: What Does It Mean to Be a Citizen Legislator?
 2:45-3:00 Break
 3:00-4:00 Legislator panel: How Does a Legislator Represent Constituents?
 4:00-4:30 Prepare for mock committee hearing
 4:30-5:30 Free time
 5:30-8:00 Dinner, keynote speaker Alan Rosenthal

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

8:30-9:15 One Man, One Vote: Redistricting
 9:15-10:00 Voting, citizen initiative process
 10:00-10:15 Break
 10:15-11:15 Follow the Money: Budgeting & Appropriations
 11:15-Noon Classroom resources offered by Legislature
 Noon-1:00 Lunch with legislative leaders
 1:00-2:15 Having Your Say: Mock Committee Hearing

2:15-2:45 Wrap-up activity
 2:45-3:00 Break
 3:00-5:00 Teaching Representative Democracy in America

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

8:30-4:00 What Is Project Citizen
 What Is Public Policy?
 Consensus, problem selection
 Action plans
 Portfolio construction
 Debrief



Keynote Speaker

Alan Rosenthal, Ph.D., is a professor of public policy at the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University in New Jersey. His research and teaching interests are state legislatures and state politics. He is the author of numerous books, including *The Decline of Representative Democracy*.

* Agenda is tentative & subject to change

Sponsors

- **Montana Legislative Council:** bipartisan committee that provides ongoing leadership, direction, and foresight for the efficient operation and improvement of the Legislative Branch of state government. Members include top majority and minority leaders. Online at: www.leg.mt.gov/legcouncil
- **Project Citizen:** curricular program for students at all grade levels that promotes competent and responsible participation in local and state government. Helps participants learn how to monitor and influence public policy; develops support for democratic values and principles, tolerance, and feelings of political efficacy. Sponsored by the Center for Civic Education. Online at: www.civiced.org
- **Alliance for Teaching Representative Democracy in America:** national project designed to reinvigorate and educate Americans on the critical relationship between government and people it serves. Introduces citizens to the representatives, institutions, and processes that serve to realize the goal of a government of, by, and for the people. Online at: www.representativedemocracy.org
- **National Conference of State Legislatures, Trust for Representative Democracy:** civic education campaign designed to engage citizens, build their understanding of and support for America's democratic institutions, promote civic engagement, and dispel cynicism toward government. Online at: www.ncsl.org/trust
- **Montana Secretary of State's Office, Office of Civic Outreach:** created in 2009 to encourage citizen participation, particularly by young people, in elections, voting, and other civic activities. Online at: www.sos.mt.gov

Cost, Credits & Questions

The institute is free to qualifying participants. Two nights of hotel accommodations will be provided, and participants will receive a stipend to help cover travel. Continuing education credits will be offered through the Montana Office of Public Instruction.

For more information, contact the Legislative Information Office, (406) 444-2957 or leginfo@mt.gov.