



## New Jersey Education Standards High School: Grades 9-12

Philadelphia is best seen by foot, and The Constitutional Walking Tour of Philadelphia (“The Constitutional”) offers the unique opportunity to follow in the Founding Fathers’ footsteps and discover America’s Birthplace. The Constitutional guides you through the Independence National Historical Park area by connecting the buildings and places where the events of the American Revolution transpired. The Constitutional tells the dramatic story of the brave men and women who were responsible for creating America.

The Constitutional Walking Tour is also an excellent tool to help you and your students meet state education requirements in a fun and interactive way. This document provides a detailed listing of the New Jersey State Education Standards that The Constitutional addresses during your journey through Historic Philadelphia. This guide is for New Jersey High School students, Grades 8-12. If you are interested in viewing an overview for other grade levels or states, please visit our Web site at: <http://www.TheConstitutional.com/standards> .

In addition, once you book a tour with us, we help you make the most of your visit to Historic Philadelphia with The Constitutional Walking Tour’s FREE Teacher Resource Guide, which provides useful information on Historic Philadelphia, including pre-trip and post-trip exercises. We appreciate how stressful it can be to plan field trips so we have created various other resources to assist you including itineraries, directions, lunch recommendations, bus parking options and a survival guide!

In addition, The Constitutional offers many other resources, including:

- Turnkey Trip Planning Assistance for Educators
- Special Teacher Phone Hours, Before & After School
- Certificates of Achievement
- Dining Recommendations
- Directions, Drop-off & Parking Instructions
- Teacher Appreciation Days in the Summer
- Constitution Day Resources & American Freedom Essay Contest

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## New Jersey Education Standards – Overview High School: Grades 8-12

Source: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/standards/6/6-1-12.htm>

<b>Standard (summary)</b>	<b>Relevance to The Constitutional Walking Tour</b>
Identify symbols, artifacts and people important to the United States of America.	The Constitutional Walking Tour takes students on a walking journey through Old City Philadelphia, often called America's most historic square mile, providing students with the unique opportunity to get a firsthand look at the places where some of the most important people in the history of the United States lived and worked. Students also view some of the most important artifacts and symbols of the nation, including Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell!
Compare the lives of people from long ago to the lives of Americans today.	On The Constitutional Walking Tour, students step back in time and walk in the Founding Fathers' footsteps. Students see many of the buildings and artifacts of long ago, all within the context of the modern City of Philadelphia. Buildings nearly three hundred years old sit across the street from modern museums, while horse-drawn carriages traverse cobblestone streets along with modern automobiles.
Describe individual rights and responsibilities in the United States.	As the Birthplace of The Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, Philadelphia is a great place to come to learn about the rights and responsibilities of American citizens. The Constitutional Walking Tour brings the creation of these foundational documents to life since students see where these documents were authored and learn about the men who created them. Students also learn about many of the individual rights that these documents guarantee, as well as why these documents are so important.

**For the State Education Standards of other grades in New Jersey, or the State Education Standards in other states, see [www.TheConstitutional.com/standards](http://www.TheConstitutional.com/standards) .**

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## United States History Grades 8-12

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<b>Standard</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Relevance to The Constitutional Walking Tour</b>
<b>6.1.12.A.2.b</b>	“Evaluate the importance of The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights to the spread of democracy around the world.”	Since Philadelphia is the city where all three of these founding documents were authored, The Constitutional Walking Tour provides a great opportunity to discuss these significant documents and their key ideas that would soon spread democracy around the world. On The Constitutional Walking Tour, students travel to see where these documents were written, debated and signed.
<b>6.1.12.A.2.f</b>	“Examine the emergence of early political parties and their views on centralized government and foreign affairs, and compare these positions with those of today’s political parties.”	The Constitutional Walking Tour explains to students how America’s early leaders, despite conflicting political views, were able to cooperate with each other in order to create the United States. Students also visit the First Bank of the United States and learn about the controversy that surrounded the bank as opposing parties debated the role of the federal government in the banking system. Students also learn how these views can be compared to the views of today’s political parties over similar debates.

Standard	Description	Relevance to The Constitutional Walking Tour
6.1.12.D.2.e	“Determine the impact of African American leaders and institutions in shaping free Black communities in the North.”	<p>On The Constitutional Walking Tour, students learn about William Penn and his “Holy Experiment,” which gave the people of Pennsylvania religious freedom. This religious freedom led to the founding of many diverse and historic Philadelphia congregations. Among the congregations discussed on The Constitutional Walking Tour is Mother Bethel Church, founded by abolitionist Richard Allen; Mother Bethel is the oldest African Methodist Episcopal Congregation in America.</p> <p>On The Constitutional Walking Tour, students learn about the University of Pennsylvania and see the location where it originally was based. The University of Pennsylvania was founded by Benjamin Franklin, and it was the first university in America. W.E.B. DuBois would later work at the University of Pennsylvania as a researcher while living in Philadelphia. It was during this time that DuBois penned “The Philadelphia Negro,” the landmark study that is considered the first case study of an African American community.</p>

Note: Although deemed accurate, the information, descriptions and data contained herein is subject to interpretation, errors and omissions; additionally the content herein is subject to change without notice. As such, please verify with your school’s administration to ensure that The Constitutional Walking Tour meets the educational requirements of your school. The Constitutional Walking Tour’s Teacher Resource Guide also offers supplemental lessons on various subject matters discussed in this standards overview. While we strive to provide a consistent tour offering of The Constitutional Walking Tour, certain tours hosted by different tour guides may be slightly different or change over time. That said, if there are certain important historical figures, places or events that you would like your students to learn about on The Constitutional, please make sure that you discuss these in writing at least two weeks in advance of your tour, and The Constitutional Walking Tour will work with you to try and reasonably accommodate your request. To the extent that there is custom content or sites requested on a customized tour, additional fees may apply.