

## ACADEMY #1

“This is America” Civics Academy

### ***What We’re All About***

- The S’UP Alaska Civics Academy is a grassroots, community volunteer-led civics education course with a focus on social justice.
- We primarily want to work with working-class youth, young adults, and families of diverse backgrounds.
- We believe that finding solutions to complex challenges in our lives, families and communities requires understanding the laws and systems that govern our cities, our state, and our country.

### ***Why We’re Here***

- According to a 2022 study, more than 8 million young people across the country are newly eligible to vote.
- Between 2000 and 2018, the eligible voter population grew by more than 40 million – with over 75% of that growth being BIPOC individuals.
- 16% of members in the 118th Congress are millennials. 20% of members elected to the 33rd class of the Alaska House of Representatives are also millennials.
- **Plain and simple: young people are stepping up to leadership in our state and across the country. And we want to empower more young people to step up to the plate and create positive change.**

### ***What We’ll Do***

- Through lectures, discussions, role-playing activities, case studies, simulations and other methods of teaching, we aim to equip our students with the necessary knowledge and critical thinking skills that are needed for successful civic engagement.
- We also believe that it is important for our students to develop a sense of civic responsibility by giving back to their local community. We’ll also introduce and encourage volunteering for causes that are focused on social justice and positive impact on their local communities.

### ***When We’ll Do It***

- The informational sessions will cover foundations of local, state, and federal government and institutions.
- The advocacy sessions will focus on equipping students with knowledge and tactics of advocacy, and how to effectively deliver your message.
- The activism sessions will delve into what activism is and how people can use it to create positive change.
- Students who successfully complete ***all modules*** in our course will be eligible to travel with S’UP Alaska to the People’s Convention in Philadelphia, PA, in July 2023.

## **Civics Academy #1 (Police Reform)**

### **Dates**

Informational #1

Apr 1, 2023

Informational #2

Apr 15, 2023

Informational #3

Apr 29, 2023

Advocacy #1

May 13, 2023

Advocacy #2

May 27, 2023

Advocacy #3

Jun 10, 2023

Activism #1

Jun 24, 2023

Activism #2

Jul 8, 2023

Activism #3

Jul 15, 2023