



Suggested Additional Activities

- Ask students to attend an MTA county chapter meeting to see how township officials work with county officials.
- Have students read the local newspaper and clip articles on local government to gain an understanding of how township officials' decisions may affect them.
- Attend a township board meeting to view local government in action. Students will gain an understanding of the government process and how decisions are made regarding issues such as budget expenditures and the use of land in the township.
- Invite a township supervisor, clerk, treasurer or trustee to class to discuss the functions of their office. You may want to invite one township official at a time or ask them to come as a group for a complete perspective of the board's functions.
- Have students interview a member of the township board and prepare a report on that official's duties and responsibilities and how they became interested in local government.
- Hold a mock township meeting in class, complete with motions or resolutions, a public comment section and proper parliamentary procedures.
- Have students work with township officials to design a township logo or motto to use on a township flag.
- Discuss current, local township issues with students such as proposed millages, road improvements or fire protection.
- Have students run for township offices in a mock campaign and election. Have them interview current township officials on current issues that might come up in a campaign for township office.
- Have students spend a day on the job with a township official.
- Conduct a strategic planning session to envision the township's future.