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WHAT WE DO

The News Literacy Project (NLP) reaches middle school and high school students through classroom, after-school and e-learning programs. It also offers in-person and online professional development for educators.

NLP teaches young people how to evaluate the credibility of news and information as a student, consumer and citizen.

It has created a new model that provides real-world learning experiences for students and connects them with journalists who reinforce these lessons by drawing on their own experiences and on recent examples from the news media.

✓ CLASSROOM PROGRAM



The NLP classroom program is designed to give teachers and students a concise and comprehensive survey of news literacy. NLP offers its classroom program in New York City, Chicago and the Washington, D.C., area.

Though it is typically taught as a drop-in unit in English, social studies, history, government, humanities or journalism classes over the course of four weeks, it may be integrated over longer time periods.

The unit has three main phases: teacher-led lessons from NLP’s original curriculum, lessons taught by NLP journalist volunteers in person or remotely via videoconference, and a final student project that builds and reflects understanding of NLP’s core concepts.

This program is fully supported for each of our partner schools by an NLP coordinator. The coordinator works with teachers to design a unit that is tailored to students’ grade levels, subject matter, needs and academic goals.

NLP coordinators train teachers using our Classroom Guide, which includes a primer on teaching news literacy, NLP’s core curriculum and a collection of supplemental lesson plans and other resources.

NLP also offers after-school programs in New York, Chicago and Washington.

✓ THE CHECKOLOGY™ VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

✓ OUR IMPACT