



ALACHUA COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

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Prior Board Motion

- September 28, 2021
 - Board directed staff to create youth representative positions on County Advisory Boards

Options

- One (1) representative on Advisory Board/Committee
- Youth Commission to advise the Board of County Commissioners
- Youth Academy (similar to Citizen's Academy)

Option 1: Advisory Board/Committee

- Representative will hold seat on Advisory Board/Committee
- Pros
 - Gain youth perspective
 - Give a voice to the youth
 - Grows future leaders
- Cons
 - Transportation
 - Time of day meetings occur
 - Sunshine Laws
 - Attendance requirements
 - Limited participation/opportunities
 - Resolutions to amend

Decision Points

- Which boards would participate?
- Selection process

Option 2: Youth Commission

- A small group that advises the Board of County Commissioners
- Pros
 - Gain youth perspective
 - Give a voice to the youth
 - Grows future leaders
- Cons
 - Transportation
 - Sunshine Laws
 - Limited participation/opportunities
 - Attendance requirements

Option 2: Youth Commission

Decision Points

- Size of the board
- Selection process
- Length of terms
- Scope/Mission

Option 3: Youth Academy

- Formatted after Citizen's Academy
- Weekly/biweekly/monthly meetings focusing on different topics
 - Could run multiple throughout the year depending on frequency of meetings
- Pros
 - No Sunshine Laws
 - More opportunity for participation (40-60 participants)
 - Less stringent attendance requirement
- Cons
 - Transportation

Option 3: Youth Academy

Meeting Themes & Ideas

- Budget & Beverages
- Pizza & Politics
- Cupcakes & Conversations
- NACo iCivics Education
 - Argue Supreme Court cases, Control the three branches of Government, Run your own county, Creating a Balanced Budget

Option 3: Youth Academy

iCivics Education Website



COUNTIES WORK

Game 6-8, 9-12

State and Local Governments

Counties Work

Running a county is a lot of work! Manage things well, and try to get re-elected.

15-30 min.

The cover art for 'Counties Work' shows a group of diverse cartoon characters in various professional and community roles (a woman in a suit, a man in a military uniform, a woman with a dog, a man in a hard hat, and an older man in a suit) standing in front of a road that leads to a building. A sign above them reads 'COUNTIES WORK'.



BRANCHES OF POWER

Game 6-8, 9-12

The Constitution

Branches of Power

Learn to control all three branches of the U.S. government!

30+ min.

The cover art for 'Branches of Power' features a central shield with three circular icons representing the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches. The shield is set against a background of a classical building with columns. A yellow smiley face character is on the left, and a white character with a red cape is on the right.



ARGUMENT WARS

Game 6-8, 9-12

The Judicial Branch

Argument Wars

Argue real Supreme Court cases, and put your lawyering skills to the test.

0-15 min.

The cover art for 'Argument Wars' shows a group of diverse cartoon characters in professional attire standing in front of a classical building with columns. A gavel is positioned above a sign that reads 'ARGUMENT WARS'.

Option 3: Youth Academy

Decision Points

- Format and Times per year
 - Lunch 'n Learn themed meetings
 - 4-6 times annually
 - Citizen's Academy Style
 - Once annually
 - iCivics Program

Recommendations

- Place a student representative on the Citizen Climate Advisory Committee (CCAC) and the Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (ROSCO) under the same general board advisory rules and amend resolutions as necessary.
- Develop a Youth Academy based on the Citizen's Academy to run concurrent with the school year.
- Return to Board in one year with an update.

Discussion/Questions?