

DAY IN COURT

*Do Your Students Wonder What it Means to be a Lawyer or a Judge? | Have They Been Inside a Courtroom?
Would They Benefit from a Field Trip to the Real World of Law?*

Dear Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade Teachers:

Are your students curious about law and the legal system? Do they wonder what lawyers and judges do in a courtroom? Would a field trip to the courthouse to see lawyers and judges at work add something special to your students' experience and your course curriculum? If your answer to these questions is 'yes', here is an opportunity your students will never forget.

Attend the **Day in Court** Program. A collaboration between BASF and the San Francisco Superior Court, this exciting program takes school children into the courtrooms to see civil trials. Students will observe lawyers, plaintiffs, defendants, and judges in several different courtrooms. Students will receive a rare glimpse into the real world of law seeing lawyers present their cases and watching juries and judges decide the issues.

Tours are available on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon, during the spring and fall. The tours, which are specifically geared for 5th through 8th graders, take place at the San Francisco Superior Court, at 400 McAllister Street. An attorney from the San Francisco legal community will greet the students, teachers, and chaperones and provide a brief orientation of the program. The attorney tour guide will then direct student groups to various courtrooms, and provide information on specific trials taking place in the different courtrooms. Each tour can accommodate up to 40 students.

"My students really enjoyed your program and had a lot to discuss when we arrived back at school. The judges and everyone were so kind to us!"

7th grade teacher, St. Thomas More School

"The tour was very well run, the lawyers were extremely helpful, and the judges were very generous with their time and knowledge. Thank you for allowing us to participate in this first hand look at the judicial system. My students will be better informed citizens because of the experience."

8th Grade teacher, St. Brigid School