



CAMDEN CONFERENCE STUDENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Since 2015, our Camden Conference in the Classroom (CCC) educational outreach program makes a difference in young people's lives by filling a void in Maine high schools where there are no or limited curricula supporting the study of global and international issues. At a time when high schools are fiscally challenged and institutional resources are stretched, our CCC program provides a resource for students to explore what it means to live, work and learn in a global world, and to consider how their own lives and careers may contribute to international initiatives to promote peace, education, human betterment, and international understanding. The CCC has evolved and new schools are joining the program each year. Each teacher designs the curricula within the guidelines of their particular school. These courses range from a full year's course, to a theme or topic within an AP course, or to a mentored independent study.

Camden Conference commitment to participating schools:

Teachers participate in two workshops organized and hosted by the Camden Conference, one in the fall focused on teaching approaches to the topic and the other in the spring for a summation and critique.

Teachers receive a stipend to assist with designing their curricular content. Teachers also receive CEUs for their attendance at the workshops.

Students and teachers can view the conference virtually at no cost, or attend the February weekend Conference at a *designated* streaming site subsidized by the Camden Conference Student Education Fund. Accommodations and meals are also subsidized. Transportation from home area is not included. Attendance at venues other than the CCC-designated streaming site will be at the reduced student fee as advertised.

See current stipend/subsidy allowances, below.

Teachers and students commitment to Camden Conference:

Teachers will provide a syllabus or course description to the Conference Education Committee prior to the start of the class (for information only).

Teachers will provide a written report of approximately two pages on the CCC experience following the Conference, including feedback on the Conference experience, how the class was taught, how many students attended and student feedback.

Teachers will attend the fall and spring workshops. The Conference encourages the teachers to collaborate on developing curricula across different disciplines. A Google drive is set up for teachers to upload materials for sharing.

Students will provide evidence of learning which could be a project, community presentation, an essay, etc. *Students are invited to enter essays in the Camden Conference Bill Taylor Award Essay Contest, which is open to all student attendees, whether or not they are enrolled in a Camden Conference course. Monetary prizes are awarded and the winning essays are posted on the Camden Conference website.

How to become a Camden Conference in the Classroom school?

Letters/emails of invitation are sent in the summer to teachers and schools who have previously participated.

Inquiries from new teachers and schools are made to the [Camden Conference Office](#), then directed to the Education Committee Chair for further discussion in the summer and early fall (prior to the fall workshop). Teachers must sign a teacher agreement form outlining the expectations of participation.

2023/24 Student Education Fund Allowances and Conference Fees

Resource Stipends to Teachers: \$500 payable in two installments of \$250 each.

Conference weekend accommodations: *Up to* four (4) rooms per school. Additional rooms are the responsibility of the respective schools. It is expected that students will maximize room capacity to the extent possible.

Conference weekend meal allowance: \$20 per student. Limited to those requiring accommodations.

Student Registration Fee:

- Camden Opera House (live venue): \$170
- Steaming Venues in Portland, Rockland*: \$80 (*Rockland free for CCC students and teachers)
- Virtual Access: free for students