

THE SPEAKER'S EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH ON PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY



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Goals + Objectives

The focus of the program will be on Parliamentary Democracy.

The format of the program will include a short verbal presentation by the Speaker, a short role-playing situation (Mock Parliament), that students will participate in and that will closely mirror a typical sitting day in the House. Students will have an opportunity to present petitions, make members statements, take part in Question Period and take a Bill through Introduction, Second Reading and Third Reading.

(Please note that the Speaker's Office will supply a script outline, suggested seating plan as well as examples from Hansard.)

The Speaker will ensure that there is time at the end of the visit to answer questions.

The Speaker will also invite a local MLA to accompany him on his visit to speak to the students about their role as a member.

The objective of the Speakers Outreach Program is to promote awareness and understanding of the House of Assembly and the democratic process to Students across Saskatchewan through a non-partisan approach. The Speakers Outreach Program provides a means of bringing the House of Assembly to those who are unable to visit. Students are also introduced to the traditional garments that are worn during the legislative proceedings as they are worn by the Speaker during the presentation.



Topics Covered:

- **Role of Speaker**
- **Role of MLA's**
- **How Laws are Made**
- **Photo tour of the Chamber**
- **Brief History of the House**
- **History of Democracy and Westminster Parliament System**
- **Separation of Powers**
- **Page Program**
- **Internship**



Target and Grade Levels

The Speakers Outreach program is targeted to all grades in the Saskatchewan school system. The presentation will take approximately one hour or one class period. Teachers who request a visit must be willing to spend at least one class period in preparatory work.



Request a Visit

Schools wishing to participate should submit a request as early as possible in the school year. It may be helpful to consult with other schools in your area on their interest in participating in the program. This would assist the Speaker in coordinating visits to schools in the same area.

Schools can get more information and/or request a visit by contacting the Office of the Speaker at (306) 787-2305 or by visiting the website: <http://www.legassembly.sk.ca/speaker/outreach>

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