Multicultural Program Overview

The multicultural framework and museum educator delivery methods framework using the Sheltered WRHS created a YEE multicultural continuum model in Northeast Ohio, an initiative launched in 2013 with leadership funding from the Burton D. Morgan Foundation. The Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS), in partnership with Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD), created the Youth Entrepreneurship Education (YEE) program, we are able to provide self-guided educational experiences to students that align with original objectives of YEE.

The strategies are implemented into the Instructional Observation Protocol method, which is relatable to English Language Learning objectives. WRHS has effectively designed a Works Program & Tour Pricing Facilitated Educational Experiences $8/person + mileage if outreach to your location 1 complimentary chaperone admission per 10 students Includes: Program and facilitated learning time in the museum galleries. Lunch space and a ride on the Euclid Beach Park Grand Carousel may be available on the day of your visit, but cannot be guaranteed. Please inquire at time of booking.

Self-Guided Educational Experiences $6/student, 1 complimentary chaperone admission/10 students

Virtual Programming $125/session for one class of up to 30 students. Additional classes may be added on at an additional $50/class.

Add-On Experiences Customize your visit by adding these items to your agenda! Guided Tour: $50/group Hands-On History Program: $100/group These experiences may also be booked as stand-alone programs at our regular $8/student rate.

Special Programming Free admission for 1 adult and all siblings under 3 years old Special parking rate available ($5 flat rate) Custom Program: $10/student History Day Information & Classroom Sessions: $50/class + mileage if outreach to your location History Day & 21st Century Skills Workshops: $8/student + mileage if outreach to your location
Frequently Asked Questions

How do I book a program?
The easiest way to book is to fill out the online inquiry form at www.wrhs.org! It will give us all the information we need to complete your reservation, so we can contact you immediately with our availability. If you prefer to speak to a representative directly, you are welcome to email education@wrhs.org or call 216-721-5722 x1502.

I need to reschedule my program. What do we do now?
We understand plans change. Please try to notify us within 2 weeks of your program date. We do not issue refunds, but we are happy to work with you to reschedule a cancelled trip. To report a cancellation after hours, please call 216-721-5722 x1502 and leave your name, your school, and the date and time of your program.

A program I’ve booked in the past is not listed in this guide. Is it still available to my students?
As the result of the COVID-19 pandemic and some exciting changes in our exhibit schedule, we have removed some programs from our list of offerings, and we may not be able to provide them at this time. We encourage you to reach out to “our staff at education@wrhs.org in order to find a new program that fits your needs.

How many chaperones should I bring?
We recommend 1 chaperone for every 10 students (that’s why those chaperones are admitted free!), but you are welcome to bring more at your discretion. Additional chaperones will be charged the $8/person field trip admission fee. Please contact us in advance to discuss special needs for additional chaperones.

Do you offer financial assistance?
Although we cannot offer financial assistance, our staff will gladly work to connect you with local resources that may be able to help. Through our Youth Entrepreneurship Education (YEE) program, we are able to provide funded field experiences to teachers and students in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.
Our Programs

With over one million items in the WRHS collection, the Cleveland History Center has no shortage of stories to tell. Our programs for school and youth emphasize four major areas of learning: Cleveland History Essentials, Entrepreneurship, STEM, and Empowerment. These programs may be booked individually or as a multi-grade continuum experience that includes supplemental classroom materials designed to create an ongoing learning experience for your students.

For more information about booking a multi-grade continuum, call 216-721-5722 x1503.

Cleveland History Essentials

History on the Move
Pre-K to K (1 hour)

In the early 1920s, a Clevelander named Garrett Morgan saw a problem in his city: the rising popularity of automobiles was causing traffic snarls and putting pedestrians in danger. Surrounded by the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum collection, students will learn the problem-solving skills that Morgan used to make a safer world for travelers. Then, students will be invited to explore how transportation has evolved through stories of Cleveland’s first female flight instructor and a daring adventurer who sailed the seas in a tiny sailboat named Tinkerbell. Program highlights include hands-on Traffic Town Practice and a Safety Exploration Station.

Discovery Experience
Grades 3-5 (2 hours)

Experience the benefits of object-based learning within Cleveland Starts Here®, sponsored by the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Foundation, a multimedia experience that tells the stories of Cleveland through the people, families, communities, and cultures that made the city what it is today. Students will be immersed in this space in order to observe, classify, and analyze Cleveland history and learn how the city has changed over time. Special focus will be given to the roles of individuals in these changes, and groups will have a chance to engage with the story of a Cleveland entrepreneur as well as artifacts in the museum space.

Getting Around
Grades 1-2 (2 hours)

Bikes, cars, airplanes, and boats – there are many ways of getting around, but how did travelers ensure they got to their destination in the days long before GPS? And just how did the term “Western Reserve” come about? In this program, students are invited to learn basic mapping skills by creating an oversize map of the Western Reserve and will then put their map keys and compass skills to use to develop a visitor map of the museum.

Into the Woods
Grades 3-4 (2 hours)

Also available as an outreach to your classroom!

Long before our city was founded, early settlers arrived in the Western Reserve and found themselves sharing the land with the Eastern Woodland American Indians of the area. Using artifacts, students will explore the relationship between land use and daily life while making comparisons between the two cultures to discover how people have met their basic needs over time.

For a complete list of program pricing, see p. 2.
Empowerment

Cleveland Underground: Resistance and Compliance
Grades 6-12 (3 hours)
In this special experience, students visit both the Cozad-Bates House Interpretive Center and the Cleveland History Center. Students will investigate Cleveland’s Underground Railroad, exploring issues of personal choice and activism through the stories of the area’s most active abolitionists. Through examining legal documents like the Northwest Ordinance and a historic local court case, students will discover how American slavery affected Northeast Ohioans, discuss concepts such as personal choice and consequences, and draw connections about the lasting impact of slavery, racism, and injustice.

Carl & Louis Stokes Making History
Grades 6-12 (2 hours)
In the new Carl & Louis Stokes | Making History permanent exhibit at the Cleveland History Center, students will learn the lives and legacies of two Cleveland sons. Through unique hands-on, kinesthetic, and minds-on activities, explore the struggle for voting rights, wrestle with gerrymandering, and consider the importance of your political voice.

From There to Here
Grades 3-5 (2 hours)
Also available as an outreach to your classroom!
Unfold the story of a migrant or refugee family’s journey to Northeast Ohio from overseas and from other US regions. Students roleplay as a family, dressing up to present their family’s story to the rest of the class. Age-appropriate primary documents provide information for students to discover when and from where they came, why they left, and what their hopes meant for a future in Cleveland. Stories range from the 1840s to 1980s and include European, Asian, Latinx, African-American, and Appalachian groups.

Enhance Your Experience!

Guided Museum Tour
Explore the Cleveland History Center galleries with our knowledgeable staff. Choose a 60-minute tour of the exhibit of your choice to deepen your students’ understanding of Cleveland history before or after your program.

Hands-On History
From thick, scratchy wool uniforms, to heavy packs filled with rations and extra equipment, to guns and grenades, soldiers have always had to carry heavy burdens. Join Chief Curator Eric Rivet for a hands-on session with original and reproduction uniforms, weapons, and equipment used by American soldiers of the Civil War, World War I, and World War II.

Custom Programs
Tailor your field trip to fit your curriculum! With advance notice, our content experts can work with you to create a custom experience for your students based on WRHS’s extensive collections.

Want to extend your experience?
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Multicultural Framework

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Community Feature

"I wish all PD [professional developments] and field experiences were as useful as this for teachers and students respectively." Paul L. Dunbar, teacher

"I have an active group and the entire program seemed to hold their interest. They enjoyed walking through but seemed actively involved in the poster making, especially since they had a role." Marion C. Seltzer, teacher

Evaluation & Assessment

WRHS obtained the professional services of the Public Service Institute at Lorain County Community College (LCCC) to provide a third party evaluation of the WRHS Youth Entrepreneurship Education (YEE) continuum.

Professional Development

After School Sessions
Held at WRHS

YEE Professional Learning Road Trip

On-The-Spot Orientation
at School

Principal’s Roundtable

The Blue Institute

YEE Field Experiences

Roots of Entrepreneurship in Northeast Ohio
at Hale Farm & Village

REVolution
at Cleveland History Center

Setting the World in Motion
at Cleveland History Center

Entrepreneurs in Communities
at the Cleveland History Center

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Region 3 Ohio History Day

What is National History Day?

Founded in Cleveland in 1974, National History Day is a project-based learning experience for students in grades 6-8 and 9-12. Each year, students conduct historical research based on a theme and create an original project as an individual or in a group of 2-5 students. Projects may be completed in one of these categories:

- Papers
- Performances
- Websites
- Exhibits
- Documentaries

The 2022 Region 3 Ohio History Day competition will be held virtually by the Western Reserve Historical Society. Ohio’s Region 3 Winners go on to Ohio History Day, the state competition in Delaware, Ohio, and state winners have the opportunity to compete in National History Day in Maryland.

Why should I participate in National History Day?

National History Day projects empower students to be true scholars! Participants build college and career skills for the 21st Century by making the historical past relevant to the present and the future. Students gain practice in evaluating information and constructing arguments, and they make their own opportunities to access primary sources and to meet experts in their chosen subject. Plus, students can choose topics that interest them and inspire them to learn more about their local communities, family histories, hobbies, or future career paths.

Region 3 Ohio History Day 2022

Theme: Debate & Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences.

Counties: Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Summit

Contest Date: Saturday, March 5, 2022

Contest Site: This is a virtual event

Registration Dates and Fees:

Contest Registration Deadline: Friday, February 4, 2022

Paper and Documentary Electronic Submissions Deadline: February 18, 2022

Registration Fee: $10 per student

Late Registration Deadline: February 18, 2022

Late Registration Fee: $15 per student

Who is Eligible?

The Region 3 competition is open to all schools within the region, with projects done in class or as afterschool clubs, as well as scouting organizations, homeschools, and independent students.