Law Day can be a beneficial tool for your students and your community.

What is Law Day?
Law Day, held annually on May 1, is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day provides an opportunity to understand how law and the legal process protect our liberty, strive to achieve justice, and contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share.

How did Law Day begin?
1957: American Bar Association president Charles S. Rhyne envisioned a special day for celebrating our legal system.
1958: President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day as a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law.
1961: Congress designated May 1 as the official date for celebrating Law Day. This program continues today and has grown to many countries around the globe.

When is Law Day celebrated?
May 1 is the official date, but many celebrations take place either before or after that date. Some organizations celebrate a Law Week or Law Month.

Why is a theme selected?
An annual theme is chosen to spotlight a particular aspect of law or the legal process and the impact on our daily lives.

Who conducts Law Day programs?
Law Day programs are conducted by bar groups, courts, schools, youth groups, community organizations, to name a few. Anyone or group that wants to spread the important message of the rule of law and its critical role in society may put on a program.

How is Law Day celebrated?
Thousands of Law Day programs are conducted each year for youth and adults across the country. In addition, every year since 1958, the president of the United States has issued a Law Day proclamation recognizing the importance of the rule of law.
Free Law Day resources
Helpful resources and tips are available on the Law Day website at www.lawday.org.

Explore the Law Day theme
Read information and watch videos about this year’s theme.

Download graphics
Take advantage of our print quality Law Day graphics to customize your materials.

View prior award winners and recognitions
Be inspired by previous Law Day events that have won Outstanding Law Day Activity Awards.

Purchase thank you gifts, participation certificates, and other products
Find classic Law Day logo items and themed merchandise to help make your event truly memorable.

Learn about the history of Law Day
Read previous planning guide content and view archives of Law Day themes and presidential proclamations from Dwight D. Eisenhower to Donald Trump.

Stay informed on Law Day happenings
Get updates on Law Day resources and activities by registering for the email alert. You can also join the conversation on social media using the hashtag #LawDay.

Reach out to your community
Review sample press releases, proclamations, letter to the editors, and announcements, which give you a starting point to create and publicize your Law Day event.

Share your Law Day activities
Help promote your event and share your Law Day plans with others and publicize what has made Law Day special in your community at www.lawday.org.

What’s Online
www.lawday.org provides a single location for tools to plan programs and activities.

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