

# News Literacy Project's District Partnerships

## Overview

The News Literacy Project (NLP), a nonpartisan national education nonprofit, provides programs and resources to help educators teach news literacy. NLP empowers students – and the public – with the skills and habits of mind needed to be smart, active consumers of news and information and equal and engaged participants in a democracy.

Founded in 2008, NLP is the leading provider of news literacy education, and as the only organization that focuses solely on news literacy education, is *the* place that educators and education leaders turn to. NLP works with thousands of educators in all 50 states and more than 100 other countries. We value educators and district leaders as equal partners in our mission, working on the frontlines in the fight against misinformation.

## Free District Partnership

Because school districts are integral to the fight against misinformation, we are committed to developing district partnerships that have meaningful impact. We'll provide you with support to implement all our resources and programs, including our signature e-learning platform **Checkology® virtual classroom**.



## What We Ask of You

- School districts formally endorse and promote Checkology and NLP educator resources and programs.
- Checkology is used in at least two schools with at least two active educators per school.
- Partners agree to a minimum two-year commitment.

**Partnering districts also agree to at least one of the following for each of the two years of the commitment.**

Educators participate in a **NewsLitCamp®**.

The district participates in at least one paid **professional learning session**.

The district agrees to **policy work** to embed news literacy into its graduation requirements.

Educators participate in an **NLP learning event** at no cost to the district.

## What We Provide to You

- NLP's expansion team works with district leaders to determine an implementation strategy to meet the district's goals and standards alignment.
- Partnering districts receive Checkology administrator accounts, which allow designated staff members to collect data to demonstrate learning and mastery of aligned Checkology lessons.
- The expansion team provides free professional learning to partnering districts.
- Through the Newsroom to Classroom program, registered educators have access to a directory of vetted journalists who can visit your classroom, virtually or in-person, and speak with your students on the issues that matter most to your community.
- All partnering districts receive data reports in October, January and at the end of the school year.



### Student Safety and Data Security

Checkology follows all federal, state and local guidelines to ensure your student data is secure.



### Standards Aligned

NLP’s Checkology lessons are aligned to literacy and social studies standards and to the ISTE student standards and the C3 Framework. The skills, competencies and critical thinking needed to be news-literate can be integrated across grade levels and disciplines, rather than being taught as a separate or stand-alone topic.

### Checkology virtual classroom

Our free e-learning platform includes over a dozen lessons and additional resources that help users learn how to navigate today’s challenging information landscape. They gain the skills to identify credible information, seek out reliable sources, recognize misinformation and help stop its spread. Checkology also helps users understand the role of the free press and the First Amendment in our democracy. Registered educators have access to a directory of vetted journalists in the **Newsroom to Classroom** program who can speak with your students, virtually or in-person, on the issues that matter most to your community.

### Value-added Educator Resources and Programs

#### The Sift®

This free weekly newsletter highlights current examples of misinformation, journalism and press freedom topics, and social media trends. Published on Mondays during the school year, The Sift includes class discussion prompts, classroom-ready slides and guidance for educators.



#### NewsLit Nation

A national, online News Literacy Educator Network, NewsLit Nation is where educators can share best practices, find a community of like-minded professionals and enjoy perks and incentives to support them in the classroom.



#### Educator Resource Library

Provides free classroom resources, including downloadable lesson plans, activities, posters, infographics, quizzes and training materials. Resources are organized by grade level and type.



#### Professional Learning

NLP’s professional learning provides educators with essential news literacy concepts they can integrate into the curriculum.



#### NewsLitCamp

A day-long professional development experience that brings together middle and high school educators, librarians and journalists at a news outlet, virtually or in person.

### Contact

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