

Frequently Asked Questions

I have registered for Little Patriots but when I go to click enroll in the course, it is not allowing me to enroll.

Answer: Please check your junk folder for a message from us asking you to verify your email. Make sure you mark us as a safe sender so you can continue receiving emails from us. Once your email is verified, you should be able to enroll in a course. Make sure to write down your username and password, especially if your username is not the same as your email address. If you are still having registration or enrollment issues, please email littlepatriots@americancornerstone.org.

Why do I have to verify my email before accessing the content?

Answer: To ensure the safety of children viewing our educational content and be in compliance with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), we need families and teachers to verify their email addresses to ensure kids are accessing the content with supervision. We are not presenting any content that is not age appropriate, but this keeps our nonprofit in compliance with the law, protects your kids, and keeps your personal information secure.

We will not sell your information to any outside source. If you disable cookies on the site, you may have issues accessing some of the features on the site. We suggest enabling cookies to get the best experience. If you did not receive a verification email, try checking your junk folder.

Can I review the material that will be presented prior to my child going through the classes? Is there a guide I can use to help teach my kids the material covered in Little Patriots?

Answer: Yes! In each course, there is a downloadable notes and objectives PDF document. We encourage parents and teachers to use these documents as a guide to teach the materials covered in the course and to review them before presenting the course to your child. Also available in the teacher/parent notes documents are citations for each of the courses so you know where the material being taught is coming from and can check out the sources for more information if needed.

I have multiple kids that I'd like to enroll in the curriculum. Can I use the same email to create multiple usernames?

Answer: Unfortunately, no you cannot. We suggest using different emails for different users or using the same username and profile for your kids to share.

Is there a syllabus or outline I can view to get an idea of what topics the cartoon and courses will cover?

Answer: Yes! You can view our episode and course lineup <u>here</u>. We will release 24 "Star Spangled Adventures" cartoon episodes and 24 corresponding Discover America courses.

How often will you release a new cartoon episode and corresponding course?

Answer: We will release a new Star Spangled Adventures cartoon episode and a new corresponding Discover America courses each month-- All free of charge and available to anyone interested! To see a full lineup of our episodes and courses, click here.

Did historians and educators develop these cartoons and courses?

Answer: Yes! Our "Star Spangled Adventures" cartoon series creative team consists of top Hollywood talent: former Pixar and Disney animators, a former ABC Kids writer, and professional voice actors who have all worked on hit kids shows. All of the material covered in the cartoon episodes is based off history lessons compiled by a historian and you can view citations here. Our "Discover America" courses are written and produced by an impressive team of educational professionals consisting of elementary school teachers, homeschool parents, an elementary school principal, a high school history teacher, a curriculum director for 60 schools, an English teacher, and professionals with PHDs in education and online learning.

Will the material be different grade by grade, so kids don't repeat the same material as they age up in school?

Answer: Yes! The material varies by grade so kids will not repeat a class. There will be a review session at the beginning of each course, so kids get a quick refresher followed by new material they can dive right into.

Does each course in the curriculum build upon the prior course? Do you have to take the courses in the order they are released?

Answer: While the first 24 courses are released in chronological order, the episodes are grouped in thematic ranches and are written to be independent from one another so schools, teachers, and families can pick and choose which classes they want to complete with their kids.

How much does it cost?

Answer: Our cartoon series and courses are all available free of charge! Dr. Carson grew up in the public school system where private school was not an option due to the cost; therefore, he made it a priority to make all Little Patriots programs, courses, and cartoon episodes free of charge to the public and to schools interested in using the material in their syllabus/ teaching plans.

Can you disclose your funding sources? Did you accept any federal or state grants to produce this material?

Answer: We do not accept federal or state funding. Our programs are solely funded through generous donors and Dr. Carson's children's book sales. You can make a tax-deductible donation to our nonprofit, the American Cornerstone Institute, which produces the Little Patriots Program here, and view Dr. Carson's children's books available for purchase here.

How can I get involved?

Answer: We greatly appreciate your interest and would love your help getting out the word about our Little Patriots Program. Please share our cartoon episodes with your friends and family, send links to the content to your network, and mention our program at any civic-minded clubs you are affiliated with.

We are currently reviewing resumes for elementary and middle school teachers interested in getting involved in Little Patriots. If you are interested, please send an email and resume to littlepatriots@americancornerstone.org with the subject "Working with ACI." If you are interested in an internship or opportunities with our nonprofit, the American Cornerstone Institute, please email contact@americancornerstone.org.

How can I get this material into my kids' school?

Answer: Present the material to your kids' teacher or school district's curriculum director. If they are interested in learning more, please have them email littlepatriots@americancornerstone.org with the subject line "Interested School" and a member of our team will get back to you as soon as possible.

Is this material meant to replace my child's history curriculum?

Answer: No, our Little Patriots educational materials are created to supplement what your child is learning in school or at home. Our Little Patriots materials are also great to add-on to existing history curriculum or be incorporated as civics or community lesson/credit/hour if your school has one.

Is there a portal specific for schools only? One that will track student progress?

Answer: Yes, if your school or homeschool group is interested in using the courses to supplement their history or civics curriculum, we have a separate LMS Learning Portal that allows parents/teachers to track each child's progress and pause coursework so kids can continue learning where they left off. Please email us at littlepatriots@americancornerstone.org to learn more.

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