

Ted McConnell

Executive Director, Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools

Ted McConnell serves as Executive Director of the Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools (CMS) a coalition of over 60 national organizations committed to improving the quality and quantity of civic learning in our nation's schools.

Prior to joining the Campaign, McConnell directed the Campaign to Promote Civic Education, a fifty-state effort to revitalize and strengthen civic education at the state and district levels, which was an initiative of the Center for Civic Education. McConnell also served as Co – Coordinator of the Congressional Conferences on Civic Education 2003-2006. McConnell was a founding member of the CMS Executive and Steering Committees.

Ted serves on boards of directors or advisory boards for Citizenship Counts, MacNeil/ Lehrer Productions' 'the.News,' Rock the Vote, iCivics, Special Olympics, the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library (Chairman), Project Vote Smart and the Student Press Law Center.

McConnell has been involved in the political, governmental and non-profit sectors for over forty years. Prior positions include Congressional Affairs Assistant to the United States Secretary of Commerce; Assistant to the Chairman and Director of Marketing and Events for the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution; Transition Assistant, 1980 Presidential Transition; and Deputy Director of the Citizens Division of the Republican National Committee.

Ted was the recipient of the 2018 Isidore Starr Award for Excellence in Civic and Law-Related Education from the American Bar Association.

Ted has served on staff for the presidential campaigns of Presidents Gerald R. Ford, Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush. He has been involved with the management of over thirty political campaigns across the country.

McConnell attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln where he majored in Political Science and Business Administration.

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Emma Humphries

Chief Education Officer

Dr. Emma Humphries joined iCivics as Chief Education Officer in February 2016.

Emma began her career in education as a classroom teacher in north Florida where she taught all levels of American government, American history, and economics. It was there she first learned the power of innovative learning tools, oftentimes digital, that allow students to engage with important content and make meaning of otherwise dry concepts such as federalism and limited government.

In 2008, she began a Ph.D. program in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Florida where she focused her studies and research on civic education and teacher professional development until she graduated in 2012. As luck would have it, Justice O'Connor visited the Florida legislature during this time, inspiring them to pass the Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Education Act in 2010, which mandated civics instruction at the middle school level. This timely development provided Emma with opportunities to partner with the Florida Joint Center for Citizenship in drafting a yearlong 7th grade civics curriculum and assisting in subsequent teacher training efforts.

In 2011, Emma joined the team at the Bob Graham Center for Public Service as its Civic Engagement Coordinator. In this role, she worked with center and campus leadership to promote civic engagement at the University of Florida by developing, implementing, and coordinating innovative programs for students. During her tenure, she also created and taught an award-winning, online citizenship course entitled "Rethinking Citizenship: Identity, Collaboration, and Action."

Emma has degrees in political science and education and was awarded a James Madison Fellowship in 2004. She was a founding member of the iCivics Teacher Council (now Educator Network), and has been spreading the good word about iCivics since 2010.

Emma is a native Floridian. She lives in Jacksonville, FL with her husband, Michael, and their daughters, June and Julia. When she's not reading the *Federalist Papers* or tormenting the rest of the iCivics team with weather reports, she enjoys jogging away her worries and attending music festivals with her husband and friends. Follow her on Twitter @GatorCitizen.