

# Tipton-Rosemark Academy Government Class Gets a Look Behind-The-Scenes in Federal Court

On October 24, 2024, 12th-grade government students from Tipton-Rosemark Academy visited the U.S. District Court. The visit began with a welcome by William Bateman, Assistant U.S. Attorney; Presita West, Assistant Federal Public Defender; and Dawn Gardner and Alicia Cook, U.S. Probation Officers. The panel provided an overview of the criminal justice process and set the stage for the students to observe a supervised release violation proceeding before U.S. District Judge John T. Fowlkes, Jr.

After the hearing, students had the unique opportunity to discuss the proceeding with Judge Fowlkes, the prosecutors, and the defense counsel. These discussions provided valuable insights into roles in the judicial process. They also had the opportunity to hear from an attorney present in the courtroom who was preparing for an upcoming civil trial scheduled for the following week.

Adding to the experience, U.S. Marshal Tyreece Miller, along with Deputies Joe Beidl and Casey Reasonover, spoke to the students about the role of the U.S. Marshals Service in the federal judiciary and offered a behind-the-scenes look at their operations.

The visit concluded with a lunch and Q&A session with District and Magistrate Judges, who shared their perspective and experiences as judges.

