

Frequently Asked Questions



What is the mission of the 917 Society?

The 917 Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering the next generation of American citizens by providing free pocket Constitutions and engaging educational resources to 8th graders nationwide, fostering an understanding and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution.

Can I get Constitutions for other reasons?

Yes, if we have them, but we are focused on 8th graders as our mission and suggest a donation of \$100 per box of 400 to cover the shipping costs for a 28 lb box and the printing of the Constitutions. Just email us your needs for extras when you donate and we'll send them to you.

What is inside of the 917 Society version of the Constitution?

The pocket Constitutions include the Constitution, the Amendments, The Declaration of Independence and the Oath of Citizenship a new citizen takes. It also includes a page for the teacher to present to the student that is dated and signed by the teacher.

What's the first step in becoming a delivery volunteer?

Please fill out the form here: 917society.org/deliveryvolunteerorderform

That lets us know your interest and to what area of the country you want to deliver. You can start as small as your child's school or, if you have the volunteers to do it, as big as a county or more. We allow you to define the size of your commitment by school, city, school district or county.

What should I expect after ordering Constitutions?

If you are ordering for more than 2 public or private schools, we will send you a report of the schools we find in that area with the number of 8th graders in those schools and our best guess as to how many Constitutions you will need to give each 8th grader one. We might have questions at this point so please respond in order to make sure your order gets to you on a timely basis. When there are questions unanswered, we put the order on hold until we know what to do.

Why do you assign schools to Volunteers?

We assign schools to avoid duplication of deliveries by a different volunteer or volunteer group in your area and to be able to give you contact information for the schools, school address and approximate number of 8th grade students at the schools so you can better plan your deliveries. No other volunteer will be able to deliver to schools you choose to be assigned to.

How do I approach the schools to do this?

We suggest calling the principals a week or two before school starts to confirm the number of 8th graders (Our numbers are estimates only so we can basically send you enough for your area.). This also allows you to set up a good time for delivery and get buy-in from the school before delivering them.

How do I get the number of the district supervisor?

You can search the internet for district school superintendent [YOUR COUNTY Name] county [Your state] telephone. The results should appear if you scroll down on the page that comes up.

Do you box up the Constitutions per school when I order or do I have to split them out?

We mail them to you by the number needed divided by 400. Amounts less than 400 usually go in one proportional sized package. So, yes, you will have to split the boxes up to deliver to schools.

Can I order for someone else?

We request that you ask that person or teacher or principal to fill out our delivery order form for themselves so there is less chance of mistake and to make sure the Constitutions are used. We ship all over the US.

How much does a full box of 400 pocket Constitutions weigh?

The boxes weigh 28 lbs.

How much does it cost to mail a box of 400 pocket Constitutions?

It costs us \$25 to mail a 28 lb box of 400 pocket Constitutions.

Can I get a pallet of Constitutions delivered to me and what is the cut off amount to send a pallet.

If you are ordering more than 20 boxes or 8000+ Constitutions, you might qualify for a pallet to avoid so many separate boxes arriving at your door. Make sure the location for delivery can accommodate a pallet. If the location is other than your original address, please email us the name and email address of the person accepting the delivery so we can confirm their acceptance.

Is the 917 Society a political organization?

No. We are an educational 501(c)3 charity according to the IRS rules. The 917 Society does not align with any particular party or endorse any candidates.

Do you have information posted to help me approach the schools/principals/District supervisors?

Yes. To keep up to date, please either download this document or check out our new volunteer Frequently Asked Questions and resources page for updates here. You can also watch a video created by our Director Joni Bryan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nUb0k8p5hw> – Video for volunteers

917society.org/frequently-asked-questions

How do I donate to help with the costs of printing and mailing pocket Constitutions?

Thank you for thinking of us! Just go here to donate: 917society.org/donate

What if I have a suggestion?

Please email us at contact@917society.org

Resources to help new volunteers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZMbDiwcQNw>

Joni Bryan, the Director of 917 Society, explaining how to order and when to order.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nUb0k8p5hw>

Our focus, how to order, box size, how to approach principals, and the mandate to teach about the Constitution, what's in the pocket Constitution. Note: you can order by County, school district or just one school.