Counties Work
An online interactive game to teach students about county government

The National Association of Counties (NACo) in partnership with iCivics has created the first online interactive game specifically related to county government. While letting students run their own county, Counties Work educates and guides students, grades 6 through 12, about the important roles and functions county government perform. Not only will the students be able to play the game in and out of the classroom, teachers will have curriculum, quizzes and web quests to help them in their lesson planning.

NACo created Counties Work through the generous financial support of CVS Caremark, NACo’s partner on the Prescription Discount Card Program, which provides savings on prescription costs.

Please help spread the word to students, teachers and school districts about this new educational tool.

About iCivics
iCivics is a web-based education project designed to teach students civics and inspire them to be active participants in our democracy. iCivics is the vision of Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, who is concerned that students are not getting the information and tools they need for civic participation, and that civics teachers need better materials and support. For more information about iCivics, visit www.icivics.org.

About CVS Caremark
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About NACo
The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation’s 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public’s understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

For more information about NACo, visit our website at www.naco.org.

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Students learn about county services, budgets and tax revenues, citizen requests and decision making skills.
Action steps to promote this new educational tool

What can I do as a county leader to get this educational tool into local schools?

- Start by playing the game yourself at www.naco.org/countieswork
- Have your teenagers, grandchildren, neighbor’s teenagers play the game
- Contact NACo to find an iCivics’ representative in your state

What can I do as a teacher or school board member to use this educational tool?

The online game, Counties Work, will educate students and provide teachers with an educational tool. Counties Work raises understanding and awareness of county government’s role and function through a fun environment. While playing the game, students will serve as a county official who has to provide services, deal with citizen requests, set and raise revenues, and work within a budget. Along the way, students will learn about the various services provided by county departments while having to make tough decisions.

- Start by playing the game yourself at www.naco.org/countieswork
- Share with colleagues
- Add to your curriculum, lesson plan when appropriate
- Tools for Teachers
  - View the curriculum at www.icivics.org/teachers/lesson-plans/capable-county
  - View web quests at www.icivics.org/web-quests/county-basics

For more information on the Counties Work project or the National Association of Counties, please contact Bill Cramer, Marketing Director at 202.942.4264 or 888.407.6226 or bcramer@naco.org.