

2025 - 2026

• HOPE OF AMERICA TIMELINE •

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER



- Register your school/organization to participate at [Hopeofamerica.org](https://50states.hopeofamerica.org)
<https://50states.hopeofamerica.org/school-registration>
- Visit our website <https://50states.hopeofamerica.org/resources> to select the songs you'd like to use in your program
- Optional: create a cut and paste lyrics sheet for your students from the word doc in the Resources Section <https://50states.hopeofamerica.org/resources>
- Decide on your show/program/assembly date. We recommend mid-April to mid-May. Place it on your calendar.
- Plan how your team will work together. Who will teach the songs? Music specialist? Core teachers? Parent volunteer?
- September is National Constitution Month – a great time to teach *The Bill of Rights* song

OCTOBER THRU DECEMBER

- Begin teaching songs using the recordings, videos, and lyrics pages on our website <https://50states.hopeofamerica.org/resources>
- Visit our Additional Resources section <https://50states.hopeofamerica.org/additional-resources> to learn the actions “backwards” to mirror your students as you teach songs.
- Aim to teach at least one song each month
- November 11th is Veterans Day - a perfect time to teach *Thank you, Military*.

JANUARY THROUGH APRIL

- Hold weekly practices focusing on lyrics and actions.
- Your area coordinator will send you a sample promotional email. Send a parent email similar to this with information about your program and student registration
- Your area coordinator will also send a sample student permission slip. You may edit this to fit your situation and distribute it to students.
- Set a two-week window to promote and collect student registrations.
- Several songs use American flags. If you choose to use these songs, order a flag for each student (we suggest 8” x 12”). These can easily be ordered in bulk online.
- If *America Rocks* is on your set list, your students will need to bring a pair of sunglasses.
- If *We Can be a Light* is on your set list, students will need to bring a small flashlight.

- Submit your tee shirt order form by March 20th. Specify color (red, white, blue, or yellow), sizes (youth S-XL, adult S-3X) and the number of shirts. Be sure to also order shirts for your adults/teachers. Orders may be mixed colors (some red, some white, and some blue). Shirts will be mailed out to groups on April 10th.
- Your show/program/assembly does not have to be after April 10th, but if tee shirts are needed before April 10th, contact your area representative early, so we can make accommodations for your group.

APRIL/MAY – Final prep for your assembly/show/performance

- Final practices – brush up on all song lyrics and actions. Students should know songs and actions by heart.
- IMPORTANT: Note that there are resources in the Additional Resources section <https://50states.hopeofamerica.org/additional-resources> for your show. Some groups prefer to use minus tracks as accompaniment as students sing. They also project the videos (without lyrics) in their program and adapt our narration for use.
- Send invitations to parents/special guests
- Distribute tee shirts to students – specify what you want students to wear with their tee (dark jeans or pants suggested)
- Gather props for students (optional flags, sunglasses, and/or flashlights)
- Take photos and videos (with permission) and share them with your area coordinator!
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THIS TIMELINE IS A GENERAL OVERVIEW TO HELP YOU PLAN YOUR YEAR

Your area representative will send additional details as important dates approach.

QUESTIONS? Contact your area representative:

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**We're excited to work with you this year —
thank you for being part of Hope of America! 🇺🇸**