

# Celebrate America 250 in 2026

A special invitation for Hancock County schools to join the celebration.

## A Communitywide Celebration

America turns 250 in 2026 and our entire county is gearing up to honor this milestone. We would love to see your students, classrooms and school community take part. Every effort helps shine a light on our shared history and the people who shaped Hancock County.

You can begin planning now!



**Findlay-Hancock County**

## Easy Ways to Join In

You can make America 250 part of something you already do or create something new through:

- Class projects or curriculum connections
- Themed visual and performing arts programs
- Spirit events or themed games
- Field trips or local history activities
- Community service and volunteer projects
- Partnerships with local organizations
- Participation in parades and community events

*Even simple touches of red, white and blue throughout apparel, uniforms, or decor help bring the celebration to life.*



## Why It Matters

America 250 planning is already underway and grows through 2026, so there is plenty of time to dream, prepare and build something meaningful with your students. Findlay-Hancock County is recognized as an official America 250 community through the State of Ohio. This is a meaningful chance to:

*Honor our country's past 250 years · Explore local stories and achievements · Celebrate the people who helped create the community we enjoy today*

Your participation helps students connect with history in a personal and memorable way. This milestone is also a chance to explore how Hancock County and Ohio have shaped our nation. Local stories, traditions and achievements can add a personal layer to anything you create.

## Monthly Themes for 2026

Explore a full year of statewide themes designed to help your school connect with stories from every corner of our past.





## Not Sure Where to Start

The America250 Ohio website offers simple tools and resources you can adapt for your school. You'll find theme ideas, ready to use materials and statewide inspiration to help spark your planning.

Scan here to check it out



### Here are a few more ideas:

- Student led storytelling projects
- Deeper dives into local history or civic engagement
- Mock trials or historical simulations
- Share your school's history
- Red, white & blue night at sporting events
- Share local history facts in announcements at school, sporting events, etc.

## Share Your Plans

Once your school has something in the works, share your idea or event with us via the contact info below. We hope to feature the wonderful ways local students are celebrating America 250 throughout Hancock County.

Soon you will be able to explore the many ways Findlay-Hancock County is celebrating America 250 on our webpage here:



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# Monthly Themes

throughout 2026

## January

Ohio's Firsts & Originals

## February

Ohio Works: Innovation & Industry

## March

Ohio Entertains: Music & Entertainment

## April

Ohio Moves: Transportation

## May

Ohio Creates: Arts, Culture & Literature

## June

Ohio Outdoors: Exploring Ohio's Natural Resources

## July

Ohio Gathers: Statewide Homecoming & Picnics

## August

Ohio Goes to the Fair: County Fairs & Festivals

## September

Ohio Plays: Sports & Wellness

## October

Ohio Grows: Food & Farm

## November

Ohio Serves: Remembering Veterans, First Responders & Front-Line Heroes

## December

Future Ohio: Projecting Ohio in 2026