The Heritage Alliance is dedicated to providing educational experiences related to the history and preservation of our region for a wide range of audiences.

To help fulfill the education and outreach part of our mission, we actively cooperate with schools and school groups to teach history outside of the classroom.

Historic Jonesborough Town Walking Tours

Learn about the history of Tennessee’s Oldest Town, its people, and the lives they built with a guided walking tour around Main Street. A tour guide in period costume will use a mix of storytelling, architecture, and photographs to show how historic developments work in the growth of towns.

Tennessee Education Standards Met:

3rd Grade: 3.9, 3.11, 3.26
4th Grade: 4.20, 4.34, 4.38, 4.45, 4.60
5th Grade: 5.1, 5.6, 5.27, 5.47
8th Grade: 8.20, 8.26, 8.39, 8.46, 8.66

Other Options Include:

Cemetery Tour: a guided tour through Jonesborough’s original cemeteries on Rocky and College Hill allows students to learn about the town’s early inhabitants and cemetery facts!

Christopher Taylor House: Students can learn about early life in Washington County, the Taylor family, and preservation by visiting the oldest building in Jonesborough!
Oak Hill School

Oak Hill School is a restored one-room school house originally located in the Knob Creek community. Built in the 1880s it is now one of the centerpieces of our educational programming. Students are immersed in an 1892/1893 school day that includes:

-Reading, writing, math, history, and geography
-Authentic curriculum and classroom experience based on the Washington County Superintendent’s 1892-1893 diary!

Museums of Jonesborough

Experience hands-on, primary source based activities in the Chester Inn State Historic Site and Museum, the Jonesborough/Washington County History Museum, and the Chuckey Depot Museum.

Educational programming includes:
- Newspaper articles, letters, and other primary sources
- Maps from the late 1800s
- Archival photographs from 100 years ago
- Interactive diorama and a timeline
- Restored lodging, dining, and parlor rooms in the Chester Inn
- A restored 1906 Depot with working freight scales

Tennessee Education Standards Met through Museum Activities:
3rd: 3.9, 3.15, 3.16, 3.17, 3.18, 3.23, 3.24, 3.25, 3.26, 3.28, 3.30
4th: 4.13, 4.15, 4.20, 4.25, 4.38, 4.45, 4.57, 4.60
5th: 5.1, 5.2, 5.6, 5.9, 5.14, 5.18, 5.20, 5.27, 5.46, 5.47
8th: 8.12, 8.20, 8.30, 8.39, 8.46, 8.66, 8.75, 8.85, 8.92

Our goal is to provide you with the content you need to enhance your classroom activities.

Choose your own historical experience, including history-based theatre programs that can travel to you!

We are flexible and will gladly work with you to craft the program that meets your needs and your standards.