

CIVIC EDUCATION

Policies and Practices Across the States

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Who we are

The **essential, indispensable** member of any team addressing education policy.



What we do

We believe in the power of **learning from experience** and we know informed policymakers create **better education policy**.



How we do it



Informative Documents

- [Guardian of Democracy](#)
- [State Civic Education Policy Framework & Gap Analysis Tool](#)
- [Guidebook: Six Proven Practices for Civic Learning](#)

Civic Competencies

- **Knowledge**
- **Skills**
 - ◆ Participatory
 - ◆ Intellectual
- **Dispositions**

Six Proven Practices for Civic Education

- Classroom instruction
- Discussion of current events and controversial issues
- Service-learning
- Extracurricular activities
- School governance
- Simulations of democratic practices

Assessments

- Multiple-choice tests or surveys
 - Short-answer essay tests
 - Performance evaluations
 - Portfolios
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- Formative vs. Summative

Status of State Policy

- Civics Education Initiative
- Democracy Schools
- Task forces
- Assessments/accountability
- C3 Framework

Policy Recommendations

- Co-equal purpose for civic ed.
- Standards and curricula, PK-20
- Inquiry-based instruction that results in informed action
- Integration across disciplines
- Pre-service licensure/accreditation

Policy Recommendations

- Professional development
- Assessments of student progress informs instruction
- Accountability at every level
- Measures of community impact

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