



Civics Education in the Every Student Succeeds Act

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ESSA:
The Every Student
Succeeds Act



The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA): three main policy buckets

- Accountability (state plan and state indicator system)
- Assessments
- Turning Around Low Performing Schools

Under ESSA, states will still be required to:

- Have challenging academic standards
- Have statewide assessments with 95% participation
- Have teacher equity plans
- Set goals for student performance

ESSA:

A well-rounded
education



Support for a well-rounded education

- NCLB had one metric for determining how students and states were doing.
- ESSA has a broader set of accountability measures including:
 - An academic measure beyond performance on statewide assessments
 - A measure of school quality and student success
- States can have additional measures in their accountability systems.
- ESSA has a broader description of “core academic subjects.”

Support for a well-rounded education (continued)

- Providing access to high quality instruction for all students in diverse subject areas
- Supporting afterschool/after hours programs (21st Century Community Learning Centers)
- Supporting educators in diverse academic areas (Title II)

Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants (Title IV Part A)

- Three broad purposes
 - Provide all students with access to a well-rounded education
 - Improve school conditions for student learning
 - Improve the use of technology to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy of all students

ESSA:
Civics education
programs



Targeted funding in ESSA for civics education

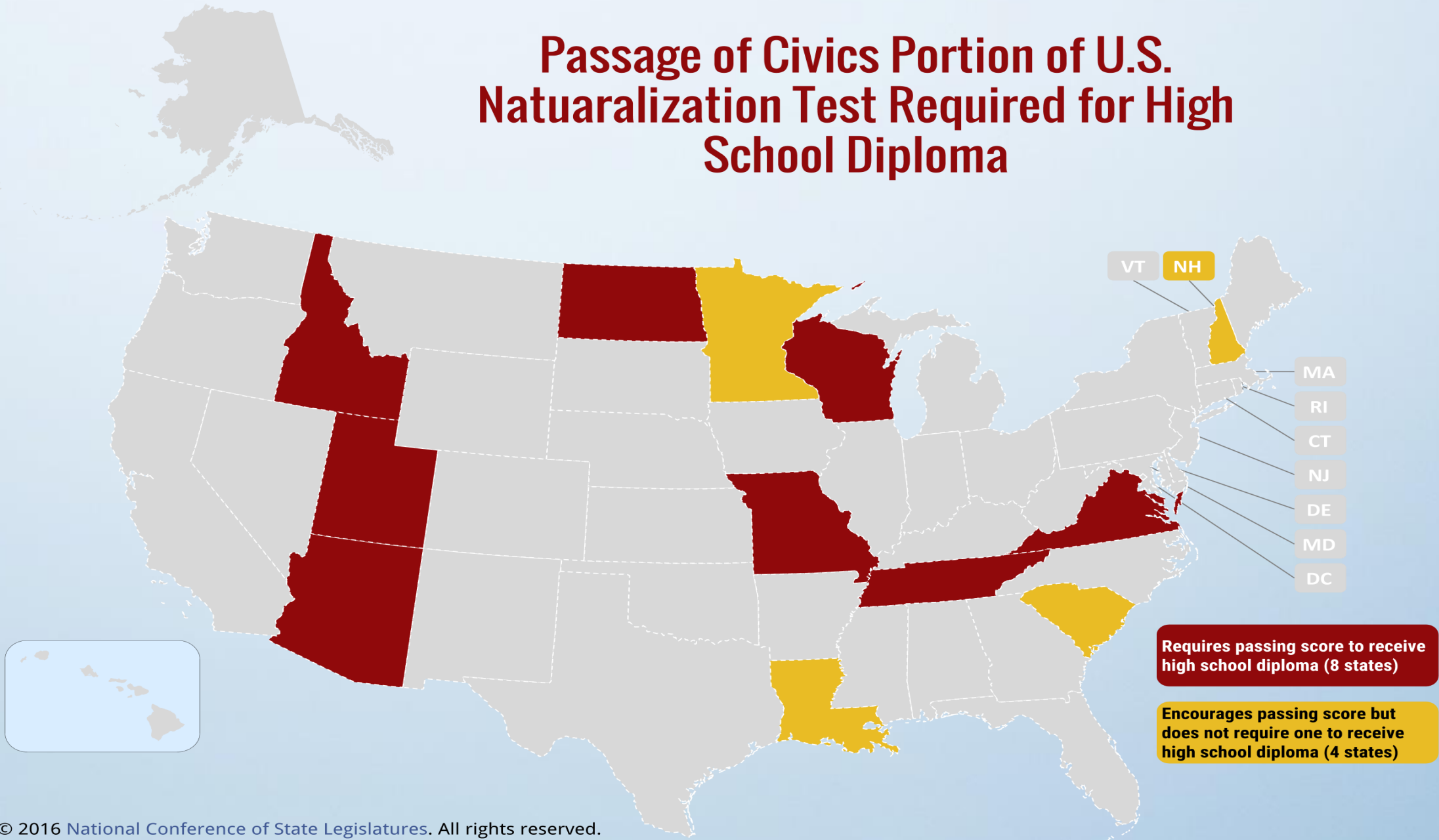
- Presidential Academies for the Teaching of American History and Civics
- Congressional Academies for Students of American History and Civics
- Competitive grant program
- Research and Innovation fund

College and Career Ready:

High school graduation requirements



Passage of Civics Portion of U.S. Naturalization Test Required for High School Diploma



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