



OFFICE OF INSTRUCTION

Civics Education Overview

MSBSD's Mission: We prepare students for success.

We believe that Civics education encompasses all aspects of being an active and participating citizen of a constitutional democracy including understanding rights, responsibilities and duties.

Standards:

- Alaska Content Standards in Government, Citizenship & History
- Alaska Performance Standards/Grade Level Expectations for History
- Alaska Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies & Technical Subjects 6-12
- NCSS (National Council on Social Studies) C3 Framework: College, Career and Civic Life

Curriculum:

K-5 Framework Updated/Approved in Spring of 2016

Grade	Instructional Focus	Example of Civic content
K	Myself, My Family	Explain the purpose and necessity of rules and laws at home and in school
1	My School	Demonstrate democratic process by establishing classroom rules and school issues
2	My Community	Analyze the roles and importance of community workers and helpers
3	Matanuska Susitna Borough	List responsibilities community members have to one another, i.e. the Mayor
4	Alaska	Identify key artifacts and documents on which Alaskan government is structured
5	US History <i>Explorers to Revolution</i>	Understand and explain purpose of the Constitution by America's founding fathers

6-8 Framework

Revision in process

Grade	Instructional Focus	Example of Civic content
6th	Western Hemisphere	Stewardship with environment: pollution & energy
7th	Eastern Hemisphere	Pacific Rim & China Trade: 21 st Century Skills
8th	US History to <i>Constitution to Reconstruction</i>	Founding documents, Civil War decision on who gets to be a citizen

9-12 Framework

Revision in process

Grade	Instructional Focus	Credit	Example of Civic content
9th	Civics	.5	All things citizen, Naturalization pre/post test
10th	World History	1	Cultural acceptance, politics and world religions
11th	Alaska History	.5	AK Constitutional Convention, citizen drive for Statehood
	US History <i>Civil War to Present</i>	1	Foundations, Supreme Court cases & political organization
12th	Government	.5	Local, State and National Government overview Duties of citizenship, registering to vote

Related Programs, Activities & Materials to further support Civic Education

Youth Court
 Youth Law Guide
 Supreme Court Live!
 Kids Vote & Mock Elections
 Diversity Fair
 Sept. 17th: Constitution Day
 Student Government
 Student Advisory Board
 National Honor Society
 Medal of Honor Character Development Program
 Junior Achievement
 Army and Air Force JROTC
 Customized Text Book for Civics
 Secondary Teen Leadership courses with service-learning focus
 Elective courses offered in Economics, Law Related, Leadership, Ecology
 Career and Technical Education & curriculum to support employability skills
 Social contracts in all secondary classrooms

