

Alaska Legislative Task Force On Civics Education

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Promising Best Practices:

1. Instruction in Government, History, Law, and Democracy
Students learn about the structure and function of the U.S. Government as well as learning about the role of individual citizens.
2. Discussing Personally Relevant Current Events
Students discuss current events and analyze social problems that are personally relevant.
3. Community Service
Students participate in service-learning activities linked to the curriculum.
4. Extracurricular Activities
Students participate in clubs, student council, school newspaper, etc.
5. Student Governance
Students have a chance to participate in school and classroom governance through formal and/or informal means.
6. Simulations
Students participate in political, civic, or legal role-plays as part of their classroom activities.
7. Discussing Politics With Parents
Students discuss community and political issues at home.
8. Parents Active in Community and/or Politics
Parents are active participants in the community or in political processes.

Other Notable Practices:

9. Open School/Classroom Climate
Students are permitted to voice their opinions freely.
10. Analyzing Perspectives on Issues
Students learn to find sources with varying perspectives on issues.
11. Exposure to Role Models
Students meet and/or learn about people who work to make society better.
12. Exposure to Diversity
Students discuss issues of diversity and work with other groups who are different from them.
13. Opportunities to Practice Civic Skills
Students are given opportunities to develop skills important to working on civic problems including planning meetings, writing letters, recruiting others to work, etc.