

WHAT OTHER STATES ARE DOING

State	Middle school course	High school course	Media literacy standards	Civics assessment	Civics seal/school recognition	Service learning credit
Alabama	Yes, a half year course	Yes, a half year course	No	Yes, students need to pass (60%) a civics exam based on the Naturalization test to graduate.	No	No
Alaska	No	No	Yes	No	No	No, but districts may provide credit
Arizona	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a half year course	Yes	Yes, students need to pass (60%) a civics exam based on the Naturalization test to graduate.	Yes, a Seal of Civic Literacy	No
Arkansas	No	Yes, a half year course	Yes	Yes, students need to pass (60%) a civics exam based on the Naturalization test to graduate.	No	Yes
California	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a half year course	No, but resources and training on website	No	Yes, a Seal of Civic Engagement	No
Colorado	No	Yes, a half year course	Yes	No	No	No, but the state encourages district programs.
Connecticut	No	Yes, a half year course	Yes	No	Yes, a Global Competency Certificate Program	Yes, schools may provide credit
Delaware	No, not a stand alone course.	No, not a stand alone course	No	Yes, civics is included in the state assessment	No	Yes
District of Columbia	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a half year course	No	No	No	Yes
Florida	Yes, a half year course, and most districts do a full year	Yes, a half year course in American Government	Yes	Yes, a high-stakes middle school exam impacting student and school grades, plus teacher performance ratings	No	Yes, schools may provide credit; encourages district requirement as part of Bright Future scholarships, students are encouraged to volunteer
Georgia	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a half year course	No	No	Yes, Civic Engagement Diploma Seal	Yes
Hawaii	No	Yes, a half year course	No	No	No	Yes
Idaho	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a full year course	No	Yes, students need to pass a civics exam based on the Naturalization test to graduate.	No	No, but districts may provide credit
Illinois	No, not a stand alone course	Yes, a half year course	Yes	No	No	Yes, schools may provide cred

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Indiana	Yes, a half year course (effective 2023)	Yes, a half year course	Yes	Yes, students need to take a civics exam based on the Naturalization test	No	Yes
Iowa	No	Yes, a half year course	No	No	No	No, but the state encourages district programs.
Kansas	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a full year course	No	Yes, students need to pass an examination based on the US Naturalization Test in order to graduate	Yes, a school recognition program	No
Kentucky	No	No, not a stand alone course	No	Yes, students need to pass (60%) a civics exam based on the Naturalization test to graduate.	No	No
Louisiana	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a half year course	No	Yes, students need to take a civics exam based on the Naturalization test	No	No
Maine	No	no	No	Yes, a civic action project required in course standards	No	No
Maryland	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a full year course	No	Yes, students need to pass an end of course assessment	No	Yes
Massachusetts	Yes, a full year course	No, not a stand alone course	Yes	Yes, a civics project is required	No	No
Michigan	No, not a stand alone course. standards by grade level	Yes, a half year course	No	Yes, state social studies assessed over three year span, included civics content	No	No, but civic action implied by standards
Minnesota	No, not a stand alone course.	No, not a stand alone course	Yes	Yes, students need to pass (60%) a civics exam based on the Naturalization test to graduate.	No	Yes, schools may provide credit
Mississippi	Yes, a 6th grade course beginning in 2022-23 school year	Yes, a half year course	No	No	No	No
Missouri	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a half year course	No	Yes, students need to pass a civics exam based on the Naturalization test, a U.S. Constitution Exam, and a MO Constitution Exam locally developed	No	Yes, schools may provide credit
Montana	No	No	No	No	No	No

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Nebraska	No	No, not a stand alone course	No	Yes, students have civics graduation requirement options: naturalization test, participate and create project about government meeting, or project on holidays	No	No
Nevada	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a full year course	Yes	Yes, students need to take a civics exam required to graduate	Yes, a Seal of Civics	Yes
New Hampshire	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a half year course	No	Yes, students need to pass (70%) a civics exam based on the Naturalization test to graduate. (Effective 2023)	No	Yes, schools may provide credit
New Jersey	Yes, a half year course	No, not a stand alone course	Yes	No	No	Yes, schools may provide credit
New Mexico	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a half year course	No, but a graduation elective is encouraged	Yes, students need to pass an end of course assesment	No	Yes
New York	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a half year course	No	No	Yes, Seal of Civic Readiness (Pilot)	No
North Carolina	No	Yes, a full year course	No	NO	No	No
North Dakota	No	Yes, a half year course	No	Yes, students need to pass (60%) a civics exam based on the Naturalization test to graduate.	No	Yes
Ohio	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a half year course	Yes	Yes, students need to pass an end of course assesment	Yes, Citizenship Diploma Seal	Yes
Oklahoma	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a half year course	No	Yes, students need to pass (60%) a civics exam based on the Naturalization test to graduate.	No	Yes, school may provide credit
Oregon	No	Yes, a half year course	No	No	No	Yes
Pennsylvania	No	No, not a stand alone course	Yes	Yes, to be administered once in grades 7-12	Yes, a certificate of recognition for students earning 100% on civics assessment	No, but districts may use service learning as a means of satisfying the required civics assessment

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Rhode Island	No	Yes, a half year course	No	Yes, students must complete a civics project in middle or high school	No	No, but the state encourages district programs.
South Carolina	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a half year course	No	Yes, students need to pass an end of course assesment	No	No
South Dakota	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a half year course	No	No	No	Yes, CTE capstone project
Tennessee	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a half year course	No	Yes, students need to pass a civics exam based on the Naturalization test to graduate and complete a project-based civics assessment in middle and high school	Yes, the Governor's Civics Seal, and the Tennessee Excellence in Civics Education School and District	Yes, schools may provide credit
Texas	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a half year course	Yes	No	No	Yes
Utah	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a half year course	No, but resources and funding are offered	Yes, students need to pass (70%) a civics exam based on the Naturalization test to graduate.	No	No
Vermont	No, not a stand alone course. No mandates.	No, not a stand alone course. No mandates.	No	No	No	No, but the districts have flexible pathways.
Virginia	Yes, a half year course	Yes, a full year course	No, but should be in revisions soon	Yes, the CE SOL test is required	Yes, Excellence in Civics Education Seal	No
Washington	No	Yes, a half year course	No, but resources and training are offered	Yes, civics engagement is included in the state assessment	No	Yes
West Virginia	No, not a stand alone course.	Yes, a full year course	No	Yes, students need to take a civics assesment before they graduate.	No	Yes
Wisconsin	No	No, not a stand alone course	Yes	Yes, students need to pass (65%) a civics exam based on the Naturalization test to graduate.	No	No, but the state encourages district programs. There is a state requirement for districts to submit information on how many hours of community service students do in a year – this includes service learning
Wyoming	No	No, not a stand alone course	No	No	No	No