



Americanism and Civics Update



79-724. Committee on American Civics

(1) The school board of each school district shall, at the beginning of each calendar year, appoint from its members a committee of three, to be known as the committee on American Civics, which shall:

(a) Hold no fewer than two public meetings annually, at least one when public testimony is accepted.

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(c) Examine and ensure that the social studies curriculum used in the district is aligned with the social studies standards adopted pursuant to section 79-760.01 and teaches foundational knowledge in civics, history, economics, financial literacy, and geography.

SBPS Social Studies

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(g) Ensure that the social studies curriculum in the district incorporates one or more of the following for each student:

(i) Administration of a written test that is identical to the entire civics portion of the naturalization test used by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services prior to the completion of eighth grade and again prior to the completion of twelfth grade with the individual score from each test for each student made available to a parent or guardian of such student.

- *The civics portion of the U.S Citizenship Naturalization Test is given to BMS 8th grade students and SHS American Government students at the beginning of the course and at the end.*

Civics (History and Government) Questions

Civics Exam Results 25-26

- 96% of 8th grade students had improved scores from fall to spring
- 77% of 8th grade students passed the exam in the spring
- 94% of the SHS Government students passed the exam

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(ii) Attendance or participation between the commencement of eighth grade and completion of twelfth grade in a meeting of a public body as defined by section 84-1409 followed by the completion of a project or paper in which each student demonstrates or discusses the personal learning experience of such student related to such attendance or participation

SHS American Government

- *The American Government students participate in "County Government Day" each year.*

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(iii) Completion of a project or paper and a class presentation between the commencement of eighth grade and the completion of twelfth grade on a person or persons or an event commemorated by a holiday listed in subdivision (6) of this section or on a topic related to such person or persons or event;

SHS American Government

- *Students are required to research a topic and participate in a debate.*

Questions?