

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

PLANNED INSTRUCTION

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course Title: Civics
Course Number: 00104
Course Prerequisites: none

Course Description: This class is designed to introduce the eighth grade students to the political processes of the United States. Civics will provide the students with the evolution of those processes and the basic organization of our government. The students will understand the roles of local, state, and federal government in citizens' lives. A deeper knowledge of the Constitution as the foundation of the United States government and the Bill of Rights as our basic freedoms will be explored. There will also be exploration of topics such as the importance of laws, civil rights and our court system. This course introduces our students to the importance of being engaged in good citizenship through service projects and the political process. The course will end with an introduction to our economic system.

Suggested Grade Level: Grade 8

Length of Course: Two Semesters

Units of Credit: None

PDE Certification and Staffing Policies and Guidelines (CSPG) Required Teacher Certifications:

CSPG 59: Social Studies

To find the CSPG information, go to [CSPG](#)

Certification verified by the WCSD Human Resources Department: ☒ Yes ☐ No

WCSD STUDENT DATA SYSTEM INFORMATION

Course Level: Academic

Mark Types: Check all that apply.

☒ F – Final Average ☒ MP – Marking Period ☒ EXM – Final Exam

GPA Type: ☐ GPAEL-GPA Elementary ☒ GPAML-GPA for Middle Level ☐ NHS-National Honor Society
☐ UGPA-Non-Weighted Grade Point Average ☐ GPA-Weighted Grade Point Average

State Course Code: 04161

To find the State Course Code, go to [State Course Code](#), download the Excel file for SCED, click on SCED 6.0 tab, and chose the correct code that corresponds with the course.

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TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Board Approved Textbooks, Software, and Materials:

Title: Civics
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
ISBN #: 978-0-54-491713-2
Copyright Date: 2018
WCSD Board Approval Date: 04/12/2021

Supplemental Materials: Choices Program; DBQ Project Materials

Curriculum Document

WCSD Board Approval:

Date Finalized: 5/14/2021
Date Approved: 6/14/2021
Implementation Year: 2020-2021

SPECIAL EDUCATION, 504, and GIFTED REQUIREMENTS

The teacher shall make appropriate modifications to instruction and assessment based on a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP), Chapter 15 Section 504 Plan (504), and/or Gifted Individual Education Plan (GIEP).

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Performance Indicator	PA Core Standard and/or Eligible Content	Month Taught and Assessed for Mastery
Identify the purpose of government and the various types of government.	8.3.7.A	August September
Determine the diversity of Americans and what they value.	8.3.7 B	August September
Determine how a person becomes an American citizen.	8.3.7 C	September
Identify the duties and responsibilities of citizens.	8.3.7 D	September
Explain the ideas that influenced early colonial governments and how they developed.	8.3.7.A	September
Identify how discontent grew between the colonists and British government and how it led to the writing of the Declaration of Independence.	8. 3.7 B	September
Organize problems and solutions of the government structures that is provided by the Articles of Confederation.	8.1.7.A	October
Analyze diagrams and the elements of the Virginia Plan and the New Jersey Plan and how they combine to form the Great Compromise.	8.1.7.B	October October
Debate view points of the Federalists and Anti-Federalists.	8.2.7.A	October
Analyze a Venn Diagram or Federal and state powers.	8.2.7.B	October
Write a paragraph about the importance of one principle of government.	8.2.7.C	October
Explain which civil liberties are protected by the first amendment of the Bill of Rights.	8.1.7.A	November
Identify why there must be some limits on individual rights Determine which civil liberties are protected by the Bill of Rights, particularly by the 2nd - 10th amendments.	8.1.7B	November

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Explain how the Bill of Rights places limits on the power of government.	8.1.7.C	November
Identify the reasons why the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments are constructed. Determine why the civil rights movement occurred and what impact it had on society and the law.	8.2.7.A	November
Identify the lawmaking branch of the federal government and its processes.	8.1.7.A	December January
Explore the processes and structure of the executive branch.	8.1.7.B	December January
Delineate the process and structure of the judicial branch.	8.1.7.C	December January
Determine know what a political party is.	8.1.7.A	February
Identify the causes that caused the creation of the different political parties.	8.1.7.B	March February
Examine the importance of the political parties and their symbols.	8.2.7.A	March February
Analyze the reasons for voting.	8.2.7.B	February March
Make inferences about campaigns and media.	8.2.7.C	February March
Compare and evaluate the similarities and differences of the different state constitutions.	8.1.7A	April
Identify how governments can create order and provide security to their people.	8.1.7.B	April
Determine how to affect social and environmental change in their community and country.	8.1.7.C	April

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Compare and evaluate the similarities and differences of different state constitutions.	8.1.7.A	May June
Explain how governments can create order and provide security to their people.	8.1.7.B	May June
Analyze how to affect social and environmental change in their community and country.	8.1.7.C	May June
Explain The Bill of Rights & American Civil Liberties.	8.1.7.A	March
Analyze the Civil Rights Movement.	8.1.7.B	March
Identify The Alien & Sedition Acts and Sedition Act of 1918.	8.2.7.A	March
Identify the role of the Director of the CIA, and Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, and the President dealing with foreign policy.	8.2.7.B	March
Determine what makes up the history of important American foreign policies.	8.3.7.A	March
Compare and contrast Political culture and foreign governments.	8.3.7.B	March

ASSESSMENTS

PSSA Academic Standards, Assessment Anchors, and Eligible Content: The teacher must be knowledgeable of the PDE Academic Standards, Assessment Anchors, and Eligible Content and incorporate them regularly into planned instruction.

Formative Assessments: The teacher will utilize a variety of assessment methods to conduct in-process evaluations of student learning.

Effective formative assessments for this course include: Posters, tri folds, brochure, projects.

Summative Assessments: The teacher will utilize a variety of assessment methods to evaluate student learning at the end of an instructional task, lesson, and/or unit.

Effective summative assessments for this course include: tests, quizzes