

CIVIC LEARNING COMPONENT	Definition	Examples
Civic Knowledge	Begins with fundamental understanding of the structure of government and the processes by which government passes laws and makes policy.	Includes basic concepts such as separation of powers, federalism, individual rights, role of government, understanding of history that continues to shape the present, aspects of geography that are vital to understanding American and the world, and the economics that is necessary to assess public policy options.
Civic Skills	Civic skills are the abilities necessary to participate as active and responsible citizens in a democracy. They are necessary for critical thinking and collective action.	Includes speaking, listening, collaboration, community organizing, public advocacy, and the ability to gather and process information.
Civic Dispositions	The personal dispositions important in a democracy.	Includes concern for others' rights and welfare, fairness, reasonable levels of trust, and a sense of public duty.

Source: Guardian of Democracy: the Civic Mission of Schools

<http://civicmission.s3.amazonaws.com/118/f0/5/171/1/Guardian-of-Democracy-report.pdf>