

# Seal of Civics Literacy- Overview

A.R.S. §15-259 establishes the State Seal of Civics Literacy (Program)

This program recognizes high school students who have attained a high level of proficiency in Civics at the time of graduation

Proficiency determined by completion of a set of State Board of Education Approved Tasks

Seal is placed on diploma and noted on transcript

# Getting Started

Districts or Charter can choose to participate

Designate a Program Coordinator

Fill out an Intent to Participate Form (on webpage)

Must be submitted by October 1<sup>st</sup> of the school year

# Procedures for Awarding the Seal

Electronic Copy of Seal sent to Program Coordinator in October

Program Coordinator verifies all requirements met for each student applying for seal

Program Coordinator prints seals

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Reporting form is completed and submitted no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>

# Program Eligibility

Graduate from a District or Charter School in Arizona

Complete requirements during the four years of high school

Complete all Social Studies courses with a G.P.A of 3.0 or better out of a 4.0 scale

Pass the Arizona Civics Test

Complete portfolio requirements from each of the 4 categories:

Civic Learning Programs

Civic Engagement Activities

Service Learning and/or Community Service

Written Reflection

# Category 1- Civic Learning Programs

Choose 2 for the class of 2019-2020

Choose 3 for the class of 2020-2021 and beyond

Choices are:

1. Civic Assessment-earn a 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement Government and Politics Exam
2. Summer Institutes and Intensives- the list of State Board approved programs will follow
3. Participation in JROTC- two year minimum
4. School sponsored extracurricular activities with civics focus- the list of State Board approved activities will follow

# List of Approved Summer Institutes and Intensives.

1. Civic Leadership Institute- ASU School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership
2. Cesar Chavez Leadership Institute- ASU
3. Other University Based Programs
4. Senate Youth Program
5. Boys and Girls State
6. Junior Statesman
7. National Student Leadership Conference Programs in Government and Law
8. Close-Up
9. YMCA Youth and Government Program

# List of Approved School Sponsored Extra-curricular Activities

1. Mock Trial
2. Model United Nations
3. Speech and Debate
4. Law Day
5. National History Day
6. We the People
7. Project Citizen
8. Participatory Budgeting
9. Interact, Key Club, or any other service-based club
10. DemocraSeed
11. Teen Court

# Category 2- Civic Engagement Activities

These activities must be completed outside the school day

Choose 1 for 2019-2020 cohort

Choose 2 for 2020-2021 and beyond



# List of State Board Approved Civic Engagement Activities

1. Serving on site council
2. Member of a commission or Youth Advisory Board
3. Serving on Tribal Council
4. Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
5. Attend at least two public meeting
6. Volunteering of a political campaign
7. Attend a protest, march, or demonstration
8. Participation in a voter registration, voter education, or get-out the vote campaign

# Category 3-Service Learning and/or Community Service

Must be for a public agency or charitable organization that serves the public good.

Enlistment in United States Military prior to graduation meets requirement.

Required number of service hours

Class of 2019-2020- 30 hours

Class of 2020-2021- 45 hours

Class of 2021-2022- 60 hours

Class of 2022-2023 and beyond- 75 hours

# Written Reflection

Culminating activity to demonstrate civic knowledge

LEAs will determine reflection criteria

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# Ideas for School Celebrations

Some schools or districts may choose to honor or celebrate the student beyond placing the seal on the diploma. Here are some ideas.

Remember these are not funded or organized by Arizona Department of Education.

1. Cord or medal for graduation
2. Special assembly
3. Recognition at a school board meeting
4. School Award or Banner with the students names
5. Certificate