

| State | Required middle school civics course? | Required high school civics course? | Does the state include media literacy in learning standards? | Does the state require a type of civics assessment? | Does the state have a civics seal or school recognition program for excellence in civics? | Does the state provide credit for students' service learning? |
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| Alabama | Yes, a half year course | Yes, a semester-long course | No | Yes, the U.S. Naturalization exam | No | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Alaska | No, instruction is built into standards | No, instruction is built into standards | Yes | No | No | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Arizona | Yes, a full year course | Yes, a half year course | Yes | Yes, the U.S. Naturalization exam | Yes, a civic seal and civic engagement school recognition program | 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 | Yes, a half year course | Yes, model school library standards | No | Yes, a Seal of Civic Engagement | No |
| Colorado | No, instruction is built into standards | Yes, a half year course | Yes | No | No | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Connecticut | No | Yes, a half year course | Yes | No | No | Yes, schools may provide credit |
| Delaware | No, not a standalone course, but built into social studies in grade 7 | No, instruction is built into standards | Yes | Yes, Delaware State Civics Assessment in grades 6-8 and 11 | No | No |
| District of Columbia | No, instruction to be built into standards in 2024-25 | Yes, a half year course | No | No | Yes | No |
| Florida | Yes, a half year course | Yes, a half year course | Yes | Yes, a Middle Course Assessment for Civics, Florida Civic Literacy Examination | No | Yes |
| Georgia | No | Yes, a half year course | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Hawaii | No | Yes, a half year course | Yes | No | No | Yes |
| Idaho | No | Yes, a full year course in government | Yes, Digital Communications standards are included in the English Language Arts standards | Yes, the U.S. Naturalization test | No | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Illinois | Yes, a half year course | Yes, a half year course | Yes | No | No | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Indiana | Yes, a half year course | Yes, a half year course | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| Iowa | No | Yes, a half year course | No | Yes, a locally determined civics assessment | No | No |
| Kansas | No, instruction is built into standards | Yes, a half year course | Yes | No | No | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Kentucky | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework; includes inquiry practices and civics per learning standards and K-12 strands | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework; specifically 3 credits are required for graduation that has to include inquiry practices and civics per learning standards and strands | Yes | Yes, students need to pass a civics exam based on the U.S. Naturalization test to graduate | No, piloting in 2024 | No |
| Louisiana | No | Yes, a full year course | Yes | Yes, students need to take a civics exam based on the 2022 Louisiana Social Studies Standards | No | Yes |
| Maine | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | No | No | No | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Maryland | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | Yes, a full year course | Yes | Yes, students need to pass an end of course assessment | No | Yes |

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| Massachusetts | No | Yes, a half year course | Yes, model school library standards | No | Yes, a Seal of Civic Engagement | No |
| Michigan | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | Yes, a half year course | Yes | Yes, a state social studies assessment | No | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Minnesota | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | No, but legislation passed in 2023 will require credit for a course in government and citizenship in either grade 11 or 12 starting in the 2024-2025 school year; instruction is built into standards and other coursework | Yes | No, the previously required test in state statute: 120B.02 subd. 3 was repealed in 2023 by Chapter 55, Article 2, Section 66. | No | Yes, schools may provide credit |
| Mississippi | Yes, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | Yes, a semester-long course | Yes | Yes, the U.S History Mississippi Academic Assessment Program | No | Yes |
| Missouri | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | Yes, a half year course | Yes | Yes, a district-created exam aligned with U.S. Naturalization test | No | Yes, schools may provide credit |
| Montana | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | Yes, a half year course | Yes | No | No | No |
| Nebraska | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | No | Yes | No | No, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Nevada | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | Yes, a half year course | Yes | Yes, the U.S. Naturalization test | Yes, a Nevada Seal of Civics | Yes |
| New Hampshire | No, but legislation signed in June 2023 requires a half-year course, or the equivalent of a half-year civics course, to be offered in middle school (grades 6, 7, or 8) starting in July 2024. | Yes, a half year course | No | No, but legislation signed in 2023 requires a civics competency assessment as a high school graduation requirement starting in July 2024. | No | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| New Jersey | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | Yes | No | No | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| New Mexico | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | Yes | No | No | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| New York | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | Yes, a half year course | Yes | No | Yes, a Seal of Civic Readiness | Yes |
| North Carolina | No | Yes, a full year course | No | No | No | No, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| North Dakota | No | Yes, a half year course | Yes | Yes, the U.S. Naturalization test | No | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Ohio | No | Yes, a half year course | Yes | Yes, students need to pass an end of course assessment | Yes, the Citizenship Diploma Seal | Yes |
| Oklahoma | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | Yes, a half year course | Yes | Yes, the U.S. Citizenship test and a State U.S. History exam | Yes | No, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Oregon | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |

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| Pennsylvania | No | Yes, a half year course | Yes | Yes, the Act 35 Civic Knowledge Assessment | Yes, a certificate of recognition for students earning 100% on the Civics Assessment | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Rhode Island | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | Yes | Yes | No | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| South Carolina | No | Yes, a half year course | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| South Dakota | No | Yes, a half year course | No | No | No | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Tennessee | No, inquiry focused standards in middle school, with instruction built into standards and other coursework | Yes | 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 | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Texas | No | Yes, a half year course in U.S. Government | Yes | No | No | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Utah | No | Yes | Yes | Yes, the U.S. Naturalization test | No | No |
| Vermont | No, not a stand alone course; instruction is built into standards and other coursework -- adopted C3 2017 and civic proficiency standards | No, not a stand alone course; instruction is built into standards and other coursework -- adopted C3 2017 and civic proficiency standards | Yes | No | No | Yes, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Virginia | Yes, a full year course | Yes, a full year course | Yes | Yes | Yes, the Excellence in Civics Education Seal | No, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Washington | No | Yes, a half year course | No | Yes, a classroom based assessment in grades 4 or 5, 7 or 8, and 11 or 12 | No | Yes |
| West Virginia | No, instruction is built into standards and other coursework | Yes, a full year course | Yes | Yes, a state-designed exam aligned with U.S. Naturalization test | No | No |
| Wisconsin | No, instruction is built into K-12 in political science section of the standards and other coursework | No, instruction is built into K-12 in political science section of the standards and other coursework | Yes | Yes, a civics exam | No | No, this is left up to the individual school districts |
| Wyoming | No | No, not a stand alone course; minimal civics in grade 12 standards | No | No | No | No |