



Arizona Department of Education

American Civics Education Pilot Program Annual Report 2019

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RE: American Civics Education Pilot Program

Laws 2018, Chapter 289, Section 3, established the American Civics Education Pilot Program within the Arizona Department of Education (ADE). The program was established to provide high school students in selected schools with an enhanced focus on American civics education. The legislation directed ADE to submit a request for proposals (RFP), subject to Arizona State Board of Education approval, to procure an American civics education assessment that is more rigorous than the current required civics assessment. As part of Arizona law, ADE is required to submit a progress report to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Secretary of State.

Between July 2, 2018, and November 4, 2018, ADE developed the *scope of work* for the American Civics Education Pilot Program Assessment. Multiple units within ADE collaborated to develop the scope of work, including the Policy, K-12 Standards, Assessment, and Procurement units. At the December 17, 2018, State Board of Education meeting, Board members approved the scope of work and ADE's request to open the RFP. The RFP closed with no submissions for the bid. ADE is in the process of working with the Governor's Office and the State Board of Education to adjust the parameters of the RFP and resubmit for bids before the end of 2019. Until an assessment is procured, ADE is unable to begin establishing the remainder of the program.

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