

1 R7-2-320 State Seal of Civics Literacy

2 A. School districts and charter schools may participate in the State Seal of Civics Literacy
3 Program (Program), which recognizes students who have attained a high level of proficiency in
4 Civics. School districts and charter schools participating in the Program may award the State Seal
5 of Civics Literacy to any high school student who graduates from a school operated by the school
6 district or charter school and who meets the requirements of the Program outlined in subsections
7 (1), (2) and (3) of this subsection. To be eligible, each student shall do all of the following:

8 1. Complete all Social Studies requirements for graduation with GPA of 3.0 or higher
9 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent.

10 2. Pass the Civics test prescribed in R7-2-302.

11 3. Complete all of the following activities:

12 a. Civic Learning Programs. The student shall complete the required number
13 of civic learning programs for purposes of demonstrating civic literacy.

14 i. Students graduating in school year 2019-2020 shall complete at least
15 two approved civic learning programs.

16 ii. Students graduating in school year 2020-2021 and thereafter shall
17 complete at least three approved civic learning programs.

18 b. Civic Engagement Activities. The student shall complete the required
19 number of civic engagement activities as for purposes of demonstrating civic literacy.

20 i. Students graduating in school year 2019-2020 shall complete at least
21 one approved civic engagement activity.

22 ii. Students graduating in school year 2020-2021 and thereafter shall
23 complete at least two approved civic engagement activities.

1 c. Service Learning and/or Community Service for a public agency or
2 charitable organization that serves the public good. The student shall complete the required
3 number of hours engaged in Service Learning and/or Community Service for a public
4 agency or charitable organization that serves the public good for purposes of demonstrating
5 civic literacy proficiency.

6 i. Students graduating in school year 2019-2020 shall complete at least
7 30 hours engaged in Service Learning and/or Community Service for a public
8 agency or charitable organization that serves the public good.

9 ii. Students graduating in school year 2020-2021 shall complete at least
10 45 hours engaged in Service Learning and/or Community Service for a public
11 agency or charitable organization that serves the public good.

12 iii. Students graduating in school year 2021-2022 shall complete at least
13 60 hours engaged in Service Learning and/or Community Service for a public
14 agency or charitable organization that serves the public good.

15 iv. Students graduating in school year 2022-2023 and thereafter shall
16 complete at least 75 hours engaged in Service Learning and/or Community Service
17 for a public agency or charitable organization that serves the public good.

18 d. Written Reflection. The student shall complete a writing assignment as
19 adopted by the State Board of Education for purposes of demonstrating civic literacy
20 proficiency.

21 **B.** By October 1 of each year, the Arizona Department of Education shall make an electronic
22 facsimile of the State Seal of Civics Literacy available to each school district or charter school
23 participating in the Program. Each participating school district or charter school shall identify each

1 student who has met the requirements of the Program, affix the State Seal of Civics Literacy to the
2 student's diploma upon graduation, and shall note the receipt of the State Seal of Civics Literacy
3 on the transcript of the student.

4 **C.** The Arizona Department of Education shall post on its website by July 1 of each year:

5 1. The list of acceptable civic learning programs, as approved by the Board, which
6 meet the requirements of R7-2-320(A)(3)(a);

7 2. The list of acceptable civic engagement activities, as approved by the Board, which
8 meet the requirements of R7-2-320(A)(3)(b);

9 3. The defined number of hours of service learning and/or community service for a
10 public agency or charitable organization that serves the public good, as approved by the Board,
11 which meet the requirements of R7-2-320(A)(3)(c);

12 4. The list of written assignments, as approved by the Board, which meet the
13 requirements of R7-2-320(A)(3)(d).

14 **D.** Each school district and charter school that chooses to participate in the Program shall meet
15 the following requirements:

16 1. Notify the Arizona Department of Education of its intent to participate in the
17 Program at least 30 days prior to issuing the seal by filling out the form provided on the Arizona
18 Department of Education's website.

19 2. Designate at least one individual to serve as coordinator of the Program and provide
20 that individual's name and contact information to the Arizona Department of Education.

21 3. Using a format prescribed by the Arizona Department of Education, submit a report
22 no later than 90 days after the end of the school year with the total number of students awarded
23 the State Seal of Civics Literacy.

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- 1 4. Make available to parents and students information regarding the Program and the
- 2 name and contact information for the coordinator of the Program.
- 3 **E.** The Arizona Department of Education shall establish guidelines and procedures to assist
- 4 school districts and charter schools in the administration of the Program.