



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

Arizona Diploma Seal of Civics Literacy



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What is the Seal of Civics Literacy?

- The Arizona Seal of Civics Literacy program recognizes students who achieve a high level of proficiency in civics.
- Created through the State Board of Education [R7-2-320](#)
- Civic Literacy is defined as *the set of skills, knowledge, and competencies that individuals need in order to engage effectively in civic life. Civic literacy may include understanding the voting process and political institutions, the ability to advocate and organize, and the capacity to deliberate about public issues* ([CIRCLE, 2023](#)).



Who can participate?

- The Seal of Civics Literacy is available to any high school student attending a public district, school, or charter.
- Districts/schools must designate one individual to serve as the Coordinator of the Program.



How do schools participate?

- The Program Coordinator must complete the Intent to Participate form at the beginning of each school year.
- Districts/schools provide information to educators, parents, and students.
- The Program Coordinator must complete the Reporting Form no later than 90 days after the school year.



How to students earn the Seal of Civics Literacy?

Students must complete the following requirements to earn the Seal of Civics Literacy:

- Complete all required *social studies* courses with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 out of 4.0
- Pass the [Arizona Civics Test](#) with a 70% or better (this may be completed prior to grades 9-12)
- Completed the requirements in each of the four civics categories



What are the categories required for the Seal of Civics Literacy?

Category One: Civics Learning

(Complete/Participate in 3)

Category Two: Civics Engagement

(Complete/Participate in 2)

Category Three: Service-Learning Hours

(Complete 75)

Category Four: Written Reflection

NOTE: All activities must be completed in grade 9 through 12



Where can I find potential activities for each category?

The Arizona Department of Education [Seal of Civics Literacy website](#) has Board approved programs and activities for each category.

Have a program/activity not on the list? Send it K12Standards@azed.gov for approval.



What are the program outcomes?

- The Seal of Civics Literacy is placed on the student's diploma and noted on their transcript.
- School districts or charters may choose to honor students in other ways such as a cord, certificate, medal, ceremony, banner, etc.
- Students who complete the Seal of Civics Literacy count towards a school's [A-F Report Card](#).

NOTE: The Arizona Department of Education only supplies the official seals for student diplomas.





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