

## SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS

KENMORE WEST AND KENMORE EAST HIGH SCHOOLS



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## How we made it through year 1! Preparation & Planning



- 1. Established the Goal: that ALL graduating seniors at KenEast, KenWest and Big Picture be made aware of the program and have an opportunity to earn it. Citizenship is open and diverse, the Ken-Ton SCR must be too!
- 2. Close Read the NYS Civic Readiness Manual!!
  - a. What components already existed in our schools, where are gaps that are possible to address in year one and those that are goals for the future years.
  - b. What paths would graduating seniors (Class of 2021) have for the Seal of Civic Readiness. We met with them, talked about the choices they've made over the last four years inside and outside Ken-Ton.



### Kenmore West HS

- Kim Reidell-Maczka (S.S.)
- Allison Wilson (Counselor)
- Jennifer Phillips (S.S. joined 2022)
- Mary Lynn Bieron (SSISS)
- Lisa Cross (Director)

### Kenmore East HS

- Nicole Pauly (S.S.)
- Julie Leavitt (Counselor)
- Mary Lynn Bieron
- Lisa Cross

### Additional Support

- Trevor Brown, Admin former S.S. Teacher
- Phil Jarosz, Canvas Support
- John Vogt, Infinite Campus Counseling
- Jess Karnes, Erie I Boces and NYS SCR Pilot Reviewer

## How we made it through year 1! Creation & Implementation

3.	Ken-Ton SCR Handbook [program]
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4.	Ken-Ton SCR	Website	[awareness]
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Criteria for Demonstrating Proficiency in Civic Knowledge						Criteria for Demonstrating Civic Participation					
	Points Possible	Points Earned	Date (s) Earned	SCR Committee Approval			Points Possible	Points Earned	Date (s) Earned	SCR. Committee Approval	
<b>1a.</b> Four (4) Social Studies courses required for graduation	1					2a. Civic Skills, Actions, and Mindsets Complete a high school civic project	1.5*				
nb. Social Studies Regents Exams - Mastery level (85+) Exam Scores: Global History & Geography Regents United States History Regents	1.5*					2b. Civic Experiences Area I Complete a service learning project	1*				
ic. Social Studies Regents Exams - Proficiency Level (65+)*** Exam Scores: Global History & Geography Regents United States History Regents	1*					2c. Civic Experiences Area II Demonstrate proficiency in an elective course that promotes civic engagement Course(s):	.50*				
1d. Advanced Social Studies Courses List courses here:	.5*					2d. Civic Experiences Area III Participate in an extra-curricular program, or work-based learning experience	.50*				
1e. Research Project	1					<b>2e.</b> Middle School Capstone Project Year Completed:	1*				
						2f. High School Capstone Project	4				
Points Earned						Points Earned					
Total Points Earned:											

5. SCR <u>Presentation</u> for all Senior Students [recruitment]

6. Canvas LMS Course for full digital evidence collection [procedure]

### SCR in Kenmore-Tonawanda

[pilot approved June 2021 for both High School]



#### **Establishing Ken-Ton's SCR Connecting with Students** Successful First Year • Establish Committee • Presenting at 12th grade Students Earn the Seal Close Read of NYS Handbook S.S. classes (PiG, IB & AP) Senior Awards Night to create our Guide • Student/Parent Letter End of Year Senior Survey • Creating Systems & Procedures Canvas LMS Course Invite Graduation Fall Spring **'22-'23** Summer Winter May/June 2021 **Stakeholder Presentations** One - to - One What's Next? Administrative Teams Re-apply with StateEd Working individually • Counseling Dept. with students as they find Meet with Juniors in June Summer COII Work Social Studies Dept. their path to Civic • Dept. Leadership Teams Readiness! Implement & Refine Roles & Responsibilities • BOE Update

#### **Continual**

- Attend WNY Consortium for Pilot Schools at Erie I Boces
  - Committee Meetings Feedback Growth

# Benefits beyond Civic Readiness (how we *sold* this to Admin)



### **High School**

- Increased Outreach with Community
- Unifying Building-Wide Culture
- 4+1 Pathway for Graduation
- Increased Weighting on School Data Report Card for each student earning the Seal (or pathway)!!!!!!!!!
- Graduating students who are ready to engage with their community!

### **Candidates**

- Special Seal/Stamp on Diploma
- Special designation on a transcript
- Acknowledgement at Senior Awards
   Night
- Acknowledgement in Graduation Diploma
- Special Medal to wear at Graduation
- Accomplishment to write about /reflect on for College applications and essays!
- Being Ready to Engage with their Community!



## Ken-Ton Class of 2022

### Kenmore West

- Class of 252 students
- 50 Students committed to the Seal in December
- As of 5/19/22, 29 have submitted their evidence to prove they are Civic Ready!

### Kenmore East

- Class of 228 students
- 66 Students
  committed to the Seal
  approximately 28%
- As of 5/19/22, 9 are completed; due date of materials 5/20 prior to the SCR Committee Review day of 5/23/22

### Big Picture

- Class of 14 students
- 14 Students committed to the Seal 100%
- Upon completion of the BP Senior Projects students will earn SCR Capstone Credit (4 points) + the 3 points of Civic Knowledge

Summer 2022 - Set Goal and Action Steps to increase percentage of Seal awardees

## Our Biggest Takeaways from Year 1

- 1. Not all graduating seniors are Civic Ready, especially seniors in April/May of their senior year! Present and collect sooner!!!!
- 2. We need a better way to digitally track student service and organization hours over the course of 4 years. We are looking at apps as well as our internal Student Information System.
- 3. Get Students on the Committee!!!! They are the best PR agents!



# Questions?

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