



Western New York Civic Readiness Summit

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Seal of Civic Readiness +1 Pathway

Strongly rooted in diversity, equity, and inclusivity

Builds civic agency by developing students' abilities across lines of difference and elevating historically marginalized voices

Recognizes the value of allowing students to have a choice, voice, and ownership in their learning

Empowers students to productively advocate for equitable patterns and practices in society

Prepares students to become positive agents of social change and participate in authentic actions and experiences

The New York State Education Department's Seal of Civic Readiness

The Seal of Civic Readiness is a formal recognition that a student has attained a high level of proficiency in terms of civic knowledge, civic skills, civic mindset, and civic experiences. The Seal of Civic Readiness distinction on a high school transcript and diploma:

- shows the student's understanding of a commitment to participatory government; civic responsibility and civic values;
 - demonstrates to universities, colleges, and future employers that the student has engaged in meaningful civic experiential learning; and
- recognizes the value of civic engagement and scholarship



Civic Knowledge	Pts.	Civic Participation	Pts.
4 credits of social studies	1	High School Civics Project (limit two times during grades 9-12)	1.5
Mastery level on Social Studies Regents Exam	1.5*	Service-Learning Project (minimum 25 hours) and reflective civic learning essay/presentation/product	1*
Proficiency level on Social Studies Regents Exam	1*	Earned credit in an elective course that promotes civic engagement	.5*
Advanced social studies course(s)	.5*	Middle School Capstone Project (Grades 7 and 8 are only eligible for this point)	1
Research Project	1	Extra-curricular participation or work-based learning experience (minimum 40 hours) and an essay/presentation/product	.5*
		Civics Capstone Project	4

First Steps to Offering the Seal of Civic Readiness



[Resources to help prepare for offering the Seal of Civic Readiness](#)

1. DRAFT Seal of Civic Readiness Manual
2. Criteria to earn the Seal of Civic Readiness
3. Guide to evaluating school readiness
4. Criteria for Advanced and Elective Courses
5. Research Project Guidance
6. High School Civics Project Guidance
7. Application of Knowledge Guidance
8. Middle School Capstone Guidance
9. Service-Learning Guidance
10. Work Based Learning Guidance
11. Capstone Projects
12. NYS School Boards Article
13. Application Instructions

The Seal of Civic Readiness Initial Application

All schools must complete an application through the NYSED Business Portal and receive approval from NYSED in order to offer the Seal of Civic Readiness +1 Pathway

All applicants must certify that they have read the following:



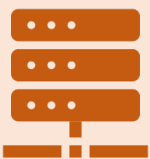










NYSED Civic Readiness Initiative

<http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/civic-readiness-initiative>

Applications are due August 1, 2022 to participate in the 2022-2023 school year

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