

Participation in Government (Civics Curriculum)

Definitions of Government, Politics, and Civic Life

- The Purposes and Principles of government, politics, policies, and the law
- The different roles of Federal, state, and local powers within the federal system

The Foundations of the American Political System, Its fundamental values and principles

- The American idea of a constitutional government
- American national identity and political culture
- Disparity between ideals and reality in American political and social life
- Why does the nation need Selective Service?
- The role of the jury in a democratic system and responding to jury duty

Citizenship and Participation in American Society

- The roles of the citizen in American society
- Becoming a citizen, personal, political, civic, and economic responsibilities and rights
- The difference between social and political participation

The Political Party Systems in America including Third Parties and the Electoral Process

- Preparing to vote and why your vote counts
- Campaigns and elections and the roles of various types of media
- Seeking public office

Legal Rights and Responsibilities in civic life, school, and the workplace

- How rights can vary from location to location within the nation