



## Why do students need to take a civics test for graduation?

The American Civics Education Initiative was passed in the Utah legislative session of 2015. The law requires a student to pass a basic civics test as a condition of graduation. This requirement applies to any public school student who graduates on or after January 1, 2016, as well as any student enrolled in an adult education program.

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# CIVICS TEST FOR GRADUATION

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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### When do students need to take the test?

Students will take the Civics test in the eighth grade. Students can retake the test as many times as necessary in order to pass.

### What is a passing score for the test?

Students must pass the test with a score of 70% or better.

### What if a student doesn't pass or doesn't take the test in eighth grade?

Students who have not taken or have not passed the test in eighth grade may take it in high school. Students must pass the test prior to graduation.

### What if a student needs testing accommodations?

The legislation allows for an alternate assessment to be given to those students who *qualify*. IEP students and students within six months of graduation who have not yet passed the 50-question test qualify for the alternative test .

### What is the format of the test?

The test is a 50-question multiple choice format. The questions are created from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization test.

### How can students prepare for the test?

Teachers will help students prepare for the test through their social studies course beginning in eighth grade. For additional resources, please refer to the links below.

<http://www.uen.org/american-civics-education/>

<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship>

For more information, contact your student's Social Studies teacher.