

High School Civics Test

2019-20 Academic Year

What is it?

The Civics Test is a 100 question, multiple choice test (as given in MMSD), that are the exact 100 questions from the US Naturalization Test. This is required by state law.

Why is this assessment given?

Wisconsin state law requires all school districts to give a 100 question civics test to all students beginning with the Class of 2017. The questions are very specific: they are the exact 100 questions that the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) uses for the US citizenship test. (See: <http://www.uscis.gov/us-citizenship/naturalization-test>)

Students must get 65 questions correct in order to pass.

Who takes this assessment?

The test is required for all students beginning with the Class of 2017. Make-up tests dates will be provided at the school level.

Students with an IEP will have to take the test, unless the IEP specifically says that the student will not test. However, the student will not have to achieve the 65% level of correct questions in order to pass.

Students may request the test in any language that they feel comfortable testing in. As this material is taught in English, it is believed that most students will take the test in English. MMSD asks that requests for languages other than English, Spanish, or Hmong be made at least 3 weeks in advance in order to ensure that we can get the translation completed. Requests can be made at: <http://goo.gl/forms/olzQfQx3Ei>

How is the test given?

The test will be given in several different formats. Large scale English, Spanish and Hmong language testing will be given in an electronic format.

For students who request another language (other than English, Spanish or Hmong) or for students who require certain accommodations, a paper format will be provided. For students who require American Sign Language or to have the questions and answers read to them, there will be a combined version of paper and electronic tests.

When is the test given?

Typically, the test will be given in conjunction with a high school social studies class, depending on the high school. Make-up test dates will be provided at the school level and will vary by location.

How will results be shared?

Results will be shared with students upon successful completion of the test. Families will receive a letter from the school if the student has not completed the requirement prior to graduation.

How does this assessment reflect my child's performance?

Per Wisconsin State Statute, students are required to pass this test in order for a high school diploma to be awarded. This requirement is in effect for diplomas granted beginning 2017.

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