

2019 Monitoring Report for Policy R-3 (Citizenship)

Reviewed by the School Board on July 30, 2019

Comments for the Policy Report Cover Sheet

Commendations

- That we are (1) talking about giving students opportunities to practice citizenship skills throughout their school careers and (2) considering ways we can more intentionally develop Civic-Ready graduates are definitely steps in the right direction. This report demonstrates that citizenship is on our radar, and we are taking it seriously.
- The data you have begun to collect about student participation in activities is good, and the fact that you are disaggregating that data according to sub-groups is particularly noteworthy.
- The list of potential indicators for measuring citizenship outcomes that you have included in this report represents both deep understanding of the subject area and good, creative thinking.
- The candor with which you have called out the limitations of your report -- namely that it does not provide a comprehensive picture of which students are meeting our citizenship expectations and which are not -- is commendable.

Recommendations

- We would like to see the data included in the chart in this report used to (a) let students know that we care about their participation in activities beyond the classroom and that we are, in fact, tracking that participation; (b) increase student awareness of the range of opportunities available to them; and (c) generate questions that will help us identify barriers that are keeping some students from taking advantage of those opportunities.
- We think evidence of citizenship should also encompass student participation in activities beyond the school and school district (like local government, scouting, church, and so on).
- The chart needs to (a) include a legend explaining each of its abbreviations; (b) provide percentages of the whole as well as the real numbers of student participants in each category; and (c) use the preferred title "Native American" for the category you have called "Indian."

- We encourage you to keep looking for way(s) to report results for this policy in terms of how many students are meeting our citizenship expectations and how many are not -- which will require a more in-depth look at each individual learner.

Final Determination of the Board

It is our determination that the District's 2019 Monitoring Report on Policy R-3 (Citizenship) demonstrates reasonable progress. We accept it as written.

Signature of the School Board President

Date

Signature of the Superintendent

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