

CIVICS

Essential Skills

The priority standards consist of the following skills:

- **Concept Understanding:** Demonstrate understanding of relevant concepts, current issues, and events.
- **Source Analysis:** Interpret and analyze primary and secondary sources relating to relevant concepts, current issues, and events.
- **Comparison:** Analyze similarities, differences, and connections between relevant concepts, current issues, and events.
- **Communication:** Demonstrate effective communication through speaking, writing, and listening.
- **Application:** Apply content knowledge and skills in real-world contexts – actual, theoretical, or simulated.
- **Civic Engagement:** Engage in deliberative, collaborative, and civil dialogue regarding course-relevant and current issues.

Course Content

The priority standards/skills are taught, practiced, developed, and assessed through the course content as outlined below.

Principles of government

- What is government?
- Types of governments

Roots of American democracy

- Origins of democracy
- Declaration of Independence

The Constitution and Bill of Rights

- Federalism
- Branches of government/checks and balances
- The Bill of Rights
- Amending the Constitution

Roles and responsibilities of citizenship

- Elections and voting
- Court systems and rule of law
- Functions of local government

Government and the economy

- Capitalism and the free market
- Taxes and public services

