

Citizenship Education

It is a responsibility of Bon Homme School District to help students understand, appreciate, and feel a responsibility to perpetuate our American heritage, customs, traditions, and ideals. Therefore, the Bon Homme School Board directs that students will be instructed in the history and Constitution of the United States and South Dakota and in the general principles of free Government so they can comprehend the rights, duties, and dignity of American citizenship. Students will also be instructed on the proper manner to honor, respect, and display the United States flag.

The following citizenship education activities will be made available at the appropriate grade level on a regular basis:

1. Learning and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance daily in all classrooms.
2. Learning and singing a variety of patriotic songs including the National Anthem.
3. Students may elect to participate in student government activities.
4. Students may elect to participate in a variety of local, State, and National Government classroom simulations that include, but are not limited to, mock elections, mock trials, and/or mock Legislatures.
5. Students may elect to participate in patriotic exercises and observances in the classroom and/or in conjunction with school programs and events deemed appropriate for the occasion.
6. Students may elect to participate in any other activity that will lead to making students aware of their responsibility for the preservation of a free and democratic society as citizens of the United States.

Individual staff members who wish to provide a citizenship program different from the activities outlined above should submit such program requests in writing to the building administrator in charge of instruction.

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