

## **SUBJECT: PATRIOTISM, CITIZENSHIP, HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION, AND STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION AND PRE-REGISTRATION**

In order to promote a spirit of patriotic and civil service and obligation, as well as to foster in students of the District moral and intellectual qualities which are essential in preparing them to meet the obligations of citizenship, the Board requires students attending District schools, over the age of eight years, to attend instructional courses in patriotism, citizenship, civic education and values, our shared history of diversity, the role of religious tolerance in this country, and human rights issues, with particular attention to the study of the inhumanity of genocide, slavery (including the Freedom Trail and Underground Railroad), the Holocaust, and the mass starvation in Ireland from 1845 to 1850.

All students attending District schools in grades eight through twelve will receive instruction in the history, meaning, significance and effect of the United States Constitution, the New York State Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence. Curriculum will include the purpose, meaning and importance of the Bill of Rights Articles in the United States and New York State Constitutions. Constitution Day will be recognized and embedded in the curriculum in an age appropriate manner.

The curricula for these courses will also include the subjects specified by the Board of Regents and be for the period of instruction, as mandated by the Regents, which is necessary in these subjects in each of the appropriate grades.

The Board of Education recognizes the value of certain ceremonies and observances in promoting patriotism and good citizenship among the students. Therefore, activities in school commemorating national and state holidays are encouraged.

### **Student Voter Registration and Pre-Registration**

The District recognizes the importance of voting and civic engagement. As such, the District seeks to encourage student voter registration and pre-registration. A person who is at least sixteen years of age and who is otherwise qualified to register to vote may pre-register to vote, and will then be automatically registered to vote upon reaching the age of eligibility as provided by law.

The District promotes student voter registration and pre-registration by:

- a) collaborating with county boards of elections to educate students regarding voter registration and pre-registration; and
- b) encouraging voter registration and pre-registration during Government class in their senior year.

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Education Law § 801  
36 USC § 106

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #8244 – Civility and Character Education/Interpersonal Violence Prevention Education

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