

NEW YORK STATE SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS

Sweet Home High School



WHAT IS THE SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS?

The Seal of Civic Readiness is a formal recognition that a student has attained a high level of proficiency in terms of civic knowledge, civic skills, civic mindset, and civic experiences. The Seal of Civic Readiness distinction on a high school transcript and diploma:

- shows the student's understanding of a commitment to participatory government; civic responsibility and civic values;
- demonstrates to universities, colleges, and future employers that the student has completed an action project in civics or social justice; and
- recognizes the value of civic engagement and scholarship.

HOW DO I EARN THE SEAL?

In order to obtain the Seal of Civic Readiness, a student must complete all requirements for a New York State local or Regents diploma and earn a total of six points with at least two points in Civic Knowledge and at least two points in Civic Participation. Students may also earn points by completing a middle school Capstone project or a high school Capstone project.

Civic readiness is the ability to make a positive difference in the public life of our communities through the combination of civic knowledge, skills and actions, mindsets, and experiences.

WHY EARN THE SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS?

The Seal was created to encourage the study of civics and civility through experiential learning; provide employers with a method for identifying high school graduates with skills in civics and civility; provide colleges with another way to recognize applicants; prepare students with 21st century skills; empower students as agents of positive social change; and strengthen our diverse democracy. The Seal of Civic Readiness can also be used as a 4+1 pathway to meet New York State diploma requirements.

Civic education strengthens the relationships between schools and students, as well as students' relationships with parents, caregivers and families, civic leaders, community partners, and among each other.

SCAN TO LEARN MORE



Information taken from the New York State Education Department website.

Civic Knowledge	Pts.	Civic Participation	Pts.
4 credits of social studies	1	High School Civics Project (limit two times during grades 9-12)	1.5
Mastery level on Social Studies Regents Exam	1.5*	Service-Learning Project (minimum 25 hours) and reflective civic learning essay/presentation/product	1*
Proficiency level on Social Studies Regents Exam	1*	Earned credit in an elective course that promotes civic engagement	.5*
Advanced social studies course(s)	.5*	Middle School Capstone Project (Grades 7 and 8 are only eligible for this point)	1
Research Project	1	Extra-curricular participation or work-based learning experience (minimum 40 hours) and an essay/presentation/product	.5*
		Civics Capstone Project	4

*Students may receive these points more than once.