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*No one is born a good citizen;
 no nation is born a democracy.
 Rather, both are processes
 that continue to evolve over a
 lifetime. Young people must be
 included from birth. A society
 that cuts off from its youth
 severs its lifeline.*
 -Kofi Annan

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North students creating cards for kids and soldiers
 North students at Teacher Desk (small photo)



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South students at
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NEW YORK STATE SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS PROGRAM



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North students at Ronald McDonald House

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 engaged in meaningful civic experiential learning; and
- recognizes the value of civic engagement and scholarship.

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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 of 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.

Students who earn the Seal of Civic Readiness will have a seal affixed to their diploma, which they will receive at graduation. In addition, students who complete the requirements for earning the Seal will have the designation listed on their official transcripts, and students pursuing the Seal can note that they are candidates for the Seal on college and employment applications in advance of graduation.



East student at Maple East

How do you Earn the Seal of Civic Readiness?

In order to obtain the Seal of Civic Readiness, a student must complete all the 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 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*	Proficiency level in an elective course that promotes civic engagement	.5*
Advanced social studies course(s)	.5*	Civic Capstone Project	4*
Research Project	1	Extra-curricular participation or work-based learning experience (minimum 40 hours) and an essay/presentation/product	.5*

*Students may receive these points more than once.