



Rockville Centre and the Seal of Civic Readiness

- What is the Seal of Civic Readiness? A Brief overview.
- How do the criteria for the seal align with the district mission, the existing initiatives, and the BOE goals?
- What is the 'Big Idea' that forms the basis of this movement? The learning.
- How this year's graduates will qualify; the process and time line.
- How students will qualify in the future.





Civic Knowledge: Demonstrate a fundamental and functional knowledge of government, law, history, geography, culture, economics, and current events.



Civic Mindsets: Demonstrate the mindset of a participant in a democratic society.



Civic Skills & Actions: Demonstrates a broad array of skills including but not limited to critical thinking, analytic, verbal, communication, media literacy skills.



Civic Experiences: Participate in developmentally appropriate civic experiences.



- The Seal of Civic Readiness may be used as a 4 + 1 Pathway.
- The Seal of Civic Readiness may also be used as a stand-alone seal for students who choose a different 4 + 1 Pathway.
- Students who received the NYSED Seal of Civic Readiness must earn a total of 6 points. Students must earn a minimum of 2 points in Civic Knowledge and 2 points in Civic Participation.

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The Seal of Civic Readiness could be used as a stand-alone seal or as a Civic Readiness +1 Pathway to earn a diploma

All students must pass
4 Required Regents Examinations:
One in each discipline



- STEM
- Humanities
- Arts
- World Languages
- CTE
- CDOS
- Seal of Civic Readiness

UPDATED Criteria for the Seal of Civic Readiness. Students must earn at least 2 points in Civic Knowledge, 2 points in Civic Participation and a total of 6 points to earn the Seal of Civic Readiness.

Civic Knowledge	Pts.	Civic Participation	Pts.
4 Credits of Social Studies	1	High School Civics Project	1.5
Mastery level on Social Studies Regents	1.5*	Service-Learning Project (minimum 25 hours) and reflective civic learning essay/presentation/product	1*
Social Studies Regents Exams Proficiency Level	1*	Proficiency level in an elective course that promotes civic engagement	.5*
Advanced Social Studies Courses	.5*	Middle School Capstone Project	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



Our Objectives Align: Does it Fit our Vision?

- Experiential Learning- Integrate information, skills, concepts into experiences that require them.
- Reflective Learners- Why is this important? Why am I learning this? Assume ownership of your own learning.
- Community Engagement- Serving myself by serving others, healthy social connectedness; the democratic process, government.



The Rollout: Year 1

September 2022- Application for Seal of Civic Readiness and implementation plan submitted to NYSED.

November- Application Approved; HS assembles a team to create a process and plan for this year's seniors.

January- Finalize schedule for rollout.

March 16– Meet with students, explain the Seal and the application process; distribute applications; information email sent to parents.

April 5- Applications due; Introduce Seal to juniors.

May/June- Applicants notified; graduation seals added to the diplomas of successful candidates.

2022-23: This year's
Seniors





A Tentative Time Line

September 2023- Introduce the Seal of Civic Literacy to all students in HS Social Studies classes. Introduce the application process to juniors.

October: Introduce the criteria to 8th graders when discussing the SSMS Community Project.

March 2024: Celebrate and advertise civic-mindedness; Civic Learning Week.

April 5- Applications due.

May/ June- Applicants notified; graduation seals added to the diplomas of successful candidates.

2023-24: Broaden scope,
celebrate civic-mindedness



Making Civic Readiness a Priority, and a Personal Experience



- Understanding the Civic Seal
- Shifting from Civic Knowledge to Civic Readiness
- Student Engagement through Civics