

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT DIPLOMA SEAL STUDENT APPLICATION



Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, high school seniors in Georgia may apply for a Civic Engagement Seal for their high school graduation diploma. This seal honors students who recognize the importance of serving their community and taking informed action in our democracy. The student requirements listed below must be met by mid-March of the Senior Year (e.g. March 2019 for the Class of 2019).

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1. Satisfy the Social Studies requirements to earn a high school diploma	<input type="checkbox"/> pass World History (<i>College Prep, Honors, AP, or IB</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> pass US History (<i>College Prep, Honors, AP, or IB</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> pass Government (<i>College Prep, Honors, AP, or IB</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> pass Economics (<i>College Prep, Honors, AP, or IB</i>)																					
2. Pass the American Government/Civics Basic Skills Test	<input type="checkbox"/> Earns a 70% or higher on the American Government Basic Skills test in GOFAR																					
3. Application of Social Studies Knowledge: A) Community Service and Extracurricular Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Enlisted in the U.S. Military prior to graduation OR <input type="checkbox"/> 35 hours total of (a) community service, (b) extracurricular activities, and/or (c) Social Studies electives/pathways: a) Community Service – voluntary (unpaid and not mandated) work intended to help (people/environment) in a particular area such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>volunteer in a shelter</i> ▪ <i>litter pick up campaigns</i> ▪ <i>Boy/Girl scout activities</i> ▪ <i>assisting in disaster recovery</i> ▪ <i>another charitable or service based organizations</i> b) Extracurricular Activities – school sponsored activity outside normal school hours or in addition to normal school schedule such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>BETA club</i> ▪ <i>Peer Mediation Club</i> ▪ <i>community service clubs</i> ▪ <i>school sponsored service learning</i> c) Social Studies related electives or pathways – up to 30 hours (3 courses, 10 hr/course) from the Cobb approved Electives or Pathways list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Electives List <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.05300 AP Comparative Government/Politics</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.21400 Humanities</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.08400 AP European History</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.05600 Individual & the Law</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.07700 AP Human Geography</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.07600 Local Area Studies</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.01600 AP Psychology</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.08900 Modern Military History: 1918-Present</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.06400 Comparative Political/Economic Systems</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.05900 Peer Leadership I</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.05600 Constitutional Theory</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.01500 Psychology</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.01200 Current Issues</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.03100 Sociology</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.05800 Ethics and the Law</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.21300 Technology & Society</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.03200 Ethnic Studies</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.09200 US & World Affairs</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.21100 Gifted Comparative Religions</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 45.07110 World Geography</td> </tr> </table> ▪ Pathways List <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security <input type="checkbox"/> Government and Public Administration <input type="checkbox"/> ROTC 	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.05300 AP Comparative Government/Politics	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.21400 Humanities	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.08400 AP European History	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.05600 Individual & the Law	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.07700 AP Human Geography	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.07600 Local Area Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.01600 AP Psychology	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.08900 Modern Military History: 1918-Present	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.06400 Comparative Political/Economic Systems	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.05900 Peer Leadership I	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.05600 Constitutional Theory	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.01500 Psychology	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.01200 Current Issues	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.03100 Sociology	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.05800 Ethics and the Law	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.21300 Technology & Society	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.03200 Ethnic Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.09200 US & World Affairs	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.21100 Gifted Comparative Religions	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.07110 World Geography	
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3. Application of Social Studies Knowledge: B) Civic Engagement Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Enlisted in the U.S. Military prior to graduation OR <input type="checkbox"/> 15 hours of participation in civic engagement activities (<i>i.e. individual and collective actions designed to identify and address issues of public concern</i>); activities include, but are not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>attend City Council, County Commission, School Board, or Town Hall meetings</i> ▪ <i>serve as a legislative page or intern</i> ▪ <i>be active in community or neighborhood organizations</i> ▪ <i>serve as a poll worker on Election Day</i> ▪ <i>volunteer on a voter registration drive or Get Out the Vote campaign</i> ▪ <i>participate in Model UN, Mock Trial Completion, Youth Assembly, Debate (can include hours of preparation for simulations)</i> 	
4. Capstone Portfolio Presentation	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit a portfolio (face-to-face or electronically) on the knowledge gained through coursework and civic/service activities completed to earn seal; examples include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>documentary</i> ▪ <i>website</i> ▪ <i>exhibit</i> ▪ <i>paper</i> ▪ <i>PowerPoint presentation</i> ▪ <i>other project as approved by your Social Studies department</i> 	