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 2020 for the Class of 2021).

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1.	Satisfy the Social Studies requirements to earn a high school diploma	pass World History (College Prep, Honors, AP, or IB) pass US History (College Prep, Honors, AP, or IB) pass Government (College Prep, Honors, AP, or IB) pass Economics (College Prep, Honors, AP, or IB)	
2.	Pass the American Government/Civics Basic Skills Test	Earns a 70% or higher on the American Government Basic Skills test in CTLS Assess	
3.	Application of Social Studies Knowledge: A) Community Service and Extracurricular Activities	Enlisted in the U.S. Military prior to graduation OR 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: • volunteer in a shelter • litter pick up campaigns • Boy/Girl scout activities • assisting in disaster recovery • another charitable or service based organizations b) Extracurricular Activities – school sponsored activity outside normal school hours or in addition to normal school schedule such as: • BETA club • Peer Mediation Club • community service clubs • school sponsored service learning c) Social Studies related electives or pathways – up to 30 hours (3 courses, 10 hr/course) from the Cobb approved Electives or Pathways list: • Electives List • 45.05300 AP Comparative	

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3.	Application of Social Studies Knowledge: B) Civic Engagement Activities	Enlisted in the U.S. Military prior to graduation OR 15 hours of participation in civic engagement activities (i.e. individual and collective actions designed to identify and address issues of public concern); activities include, but are not limited to, the following: attend City Council, County Commission, School Board, or Town Hall meetings serve as a legislative page or intern be active in community or neighborhood organizations serve as a poll worker on Election Day volunteer on a voter registration drive or Get Out the Vote campaign participate in Model UN, Mock Trial Completion, Youth Assembly, Debate (can include hours of preparation for simulations) 	
4.	Capstone Portfolio Presentation	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: documentary website exhibit paper PowerPoint presentation other project as approved by your Social Studies department 	