NYS CIVIC READINESS Initiative

How is Rye Neck MS/HS preparing our students for the increased and necessary emphasis on Civic Readiness?

CONTEXT: WHY CIVIC READINESS?

RYE NECK UFSD MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Rye Neck School Community is to develop active, critical-thinking, creative, responsible citizens with high values, morals and ethics. These citizens will respect, accept and appreciate others in a multicultural world and be committed to lifelong academic and personal achievement in a supportive learning environment. Students will acquire a suitable educational foundation, mastery of the English language and analytical skills which will help them deal with challenges in their personal and professional lives.

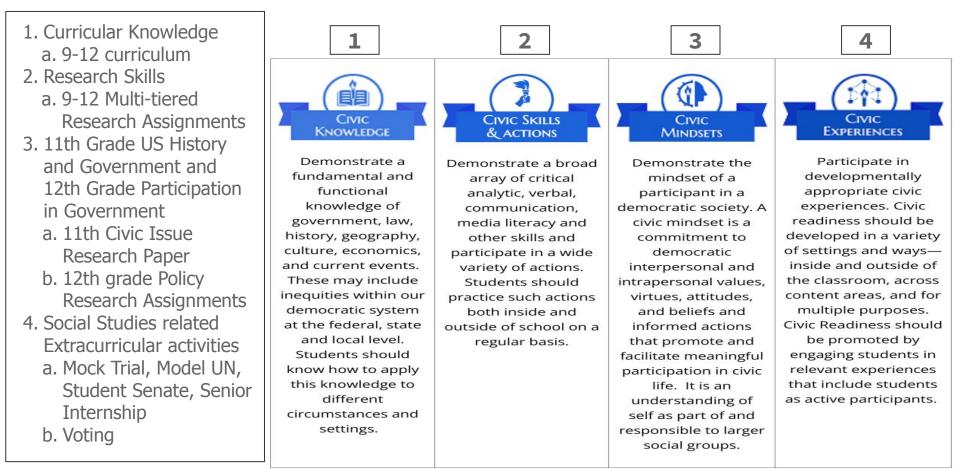
NYS definition of Civic Readiness: "...the ability to make a positive difference in the public life of our communities through the combination of civic knowledge, skills and actions, mindsets, and experiences." Critical- Thinking

Local/Global Citizenship

Adaptive/Resilient Mindset

Supportive Learning Environment

DOMAINS OF CIVIC READINESS:





HOW DOES A STUDENT EARN THE SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS?

Criteria for 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*	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.

How do we currently enable students to qualify for the seal in the 2023-2024 school year? Social Studies required for four years in HS Research Project (each year 9th-11th grade) HS Civics Project 11th grade US History SS Electives Extracurriculars

CHANGES WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM THE STATE AND HOW CAN WE ADAPT?

WHAT DETERMINATIONS WILL THE STATE MAKE CONCERNING CIVICS?





Blue Ribbon Commission on Graduation Measures November 2023: The Blue Ribbon Commission made 12 recommendations concerning graduation requirements:

- L. Option to add seals (one civic seal) to diploma
- 2. Civic responsibility, cultural competence, writing skills for real-world scenarios

RESEARCH ASSIGNMENTS IN SOCIAL STUDIES: How are we promoting Critical Thinking and Citizenship Grades 6-12?

Goal: Evaluate and retool our research methodology

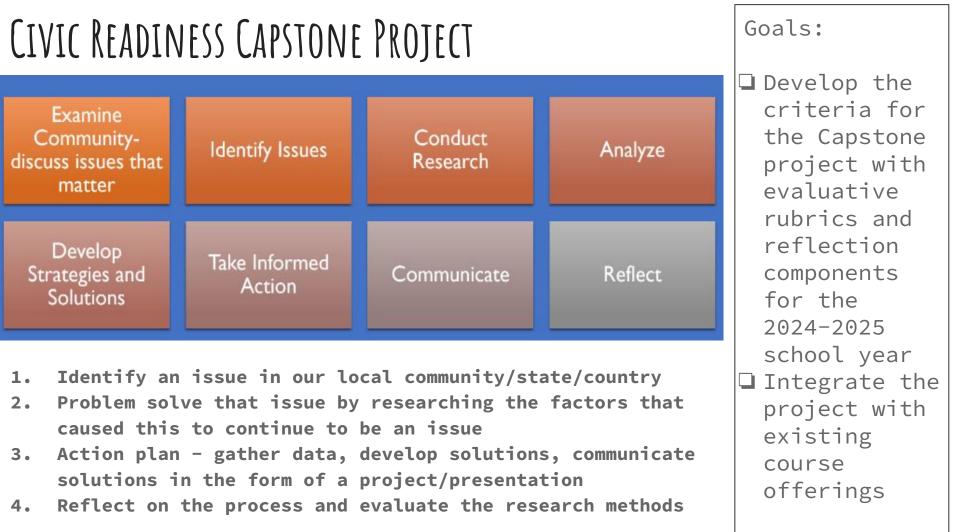
Factors:

- ★ COVID
- ★ Technological changes
- ★ Generational skills
- ★ AI tools

How did we upgrade our research skills to reflect the Civics changes?

- Emphasis on evaluating websites and internet material
 - Annotated Bibliography
- Organization of information
 - Noodletools
- □ Focus on sourcing
 - Giving credit with proper citation to all sources
 - Partnership with our Librarian

FUTURE CHANGES WHAT ARE WE CURRENTLY WORKING ON FOR NEXT YEAR?



THE SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT THANKS YOU!