

## American Civics Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 5:15 PM

Central Office Board Room  
25211 S. 68th St  
Firth, NE 68358

Rhonda Burbach: Present  
Jim Devine: Absent  
Craig Gana: Present  
Gary Kubicek: Absent  
Stephanie Meese: Absent  
Aaron Wubbels: Present

### 1. Pledge of Allegiance & Call to Order

The American Civics Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:24 PM.

### 2. Public Comment

No public comment.

### 3. District-Wide Information

Kris Morrison, Curriculum Director, shared district and building level updates regarding American Civics.

#### 3.1. Social Studies instruction and curriculum are aligned to the Nebraska State Standards

#### 3.2. Recent curriculum reviews took place

- 6-12 in 2022-2023 school year
- K-5 in 2023-2024 school year

#### 3.3. Each building recites the pledge of allegiance each day

- Elementary School includes a patriotic song per month

#### 3.4. Veterans Day activities

- Often involve community members
- Activities vary by year and by building
- Planning is beginning now

### 3.5. Community services opportunities

- Caring Lane
- One Day Without Shoes
- Sock Drives
- Food Drives
- Many more examples each year

## 4. High School

### 4.1. American History (required all 9th graders)

- 9th Grade Service Day each spring

### 4.2. Modern Problems

### 4.3. Government or AP Government

- Attend County Government Day
- Content in course includes:
  - Foundations, structures and functions of U.S. Government
  - Evaluate American Constitutional government
  - Meaningful civic participation-local, state, international topics/issues
  - Investigate issues addressed by each level of government
  - Powers established in the constitution
  - Branches of government
  - Election and powers of presidents

### 4.4. Constitution Project

- Articles 1-7 of the Constitution
  - Branches of Government
  - State vs. Federal Government responsibilities
  - Amending the constitution
  - Supreme Law
  - Ratification

#### 4.5. U.S. Citizenship Test

- American History and Government
- 100 question test - geography, history, system of government, right and responsibilities of citizens and principles of democracy.

#### 4.6. Voter Registration Drive each year

#### 5. Middle School

5.1. 8th Grade specifically focuses on American History in their coursework

5.2. Foundations structures and functions of the US Government

5.3. Roles and responsibilities of a U.S. citizen

#### 6. Intermediate School

6.1. Structure and function of U.S. government

6.2. Democratic principles that are the foundation of the U.S. government

6.3. Structure and function of local governments

6.4. Structure and function of Nebraska government

#### 7. Elementary School

7.1. Positive and productive citizenship skills

7.2. Identify historical people, events and symbols

7.3. Responsibilities and rights of citizens in their communities

#### 8. Questions

#### 9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

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Chairperson

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Superintendent