Delaware Social Studies

Civics: Grades 4, 5

Adopted 2018

Students will examine the structure and purposes of governments with specific emphasis on constitutional democracy. C.1	**a.** **Students will understand that governments have a variety of structures and exist for many purposes and that in America these are explained in the United States and State constitutions.** C.1.4-5.A
	b. **Students will understand that the United States government is divided into executive, legislative, and judicial branches, each with specific responsibilities and powers.** C.1.4-5.B
Students will understand the principles and ideals underlying the American political system. C.2	**a.** **Students will understand that the principle of due process protects American citizens by requiring the government to pass and follow fair laws and use fair procedures to execute and enforce those laws.** C.2.4-5.A
	b. **Students will understand that a society based on the ideal of individual liberty requires a commitment on the part of its citizens to the principles of civic responsibility and personal civility.** C.2.4-5.B
Students will understand the responsibilities, rights, and privileges of United States citizens. C.3	**a.** **Students will apply the fundamental rights and protections of American citizens guaranteed in the Bill of Rights to everyday situations.** C.3.4-5.A
Students will develop and employ the civic skills necessary for effective, participatory citizenship. C.4	**a.** **Students will understand that in order to select effective leaders, citizens have to become informed about candidates' qualifications and the issues of the day.** C.4.4-5.A
	b. **Students will identify and employ the formal and informal methods by which democratic groups function.** C.4.4-5.B