Delaware Social Studies

Civics: Grades 6, 7, 8

Adopted 2018

Students will examine the structure and purposes of governments with specific emphasis on constitutional democracy. C.1	**a.** **Students will understand why governments have the authority to make, enforce, and interpret laws and regulations, such as levying taxes, conducting foreign policy, and providing for national defense.** C.1.6-8.A **b.** **Students will analyze the different functions of federal, state, and local governments in the United States and examine the reasons for the different organizational structures each level of government employs.** C.1.6-8.B
Students will understand the principles and ideals underlying the American political system. C.2	**a.** **Students will understand that the concept of majority rule does not mean that the rights of minorities may be disregarded and will examine and apply the protections accorded those minorities in the American political system.** C.2.6-8.A **b.** **Students will understand the principles and content of major American state papers such as the Declaration of Independence; United States Constitution (including the Bill of Rights); and the Federalist Papers.** C.2.6-8.B
Students will understand the responsibilities, rights, and privileges of United States citizens. C.3	**a.** **Students will understand that civil rights secure political freedom while property rights secure economic freedom and that both are essential protections for United States citizens.** C.3.6-8.A **b.** **Students will understand that American citizenship includes responsibilities such as voting, jury duty, obeying the law, service in the armed forces when required, and public service.** C.3.6-8.B
Students will develop and employ the civic skills necessary for effective, participatory citizenship. C.4	**a.** **Students will understand that civil rights secure political freedom while property rights secure economic freedom and that both are essential protections for United States citizens.** C.4.6-8.A **b.** **Students will follow the actions of elected officials, and understand and employ the mechanisms for communicating with them while in office.** C.4.6-8.B