

Instruction**Social Studies****Democracy Education**

It is the policy of the Stafford Board of Education that the school district will comply with the Connecticut requirement to provide students a program of United States history, including instruction in United States government at the local, state and national levels. Such program shall include the duties, responsibilities and rights of United States citizenship. No student shall be graduated from any such school who has not been found to be familiar with these subjects.

In the fulfillment of this requirement, elementary schools shall include in the fourth and fifth grade curriculum a program on democracy in which students engage in a participatory manner in learning about all branches of government.

(cf. 6142 – Basic Instructional Program)

(cf. 6142.5 – Social Studies)

(cf. 6142.51 – Constitution)

(cf. [6146](#) – Graduation Requirements)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10](#)-18 Courses in United States history, government and duties and responsibilities of citizenship as amended by PA 07-138 An Act Concerning Democracy Education in Elementary Schools and PA 08-153, An Act Concerning Minor Changes to the Education Statutes.

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