

## **History and Civil Government Education**

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of teaching history and civil government in a framework of standards based education. The Board also acknowledges that a vital part of educating students is the creation of a climate within the schools which enhances the dignity and importance of each individual through examination of the contributions of all peoples to history and civil government.

In order to achieve a greater level of awareness, understanding and knowledge of the contributions of all peoples, and pursuant to state law, the instruction program of the district shall include the teaching of:

1. the history and civil government of the State of Colorado
2. the history and civil government of the United States

The teaching of the history and civil government of the United States shall include the history, culture and contributions of minorities, including but not limited to, American Indians, Hispanic Americans and African Americans.

Students must satisfactorily complete a course on the civil government of the State of Colorado and the United States in order to graduate.

In an effort to increase civic participation among young people, the Board shall convene a community forum on a periodic basis, but not less than every ten years, for all interested persons to discuss adopted content standards in civics, including the history, culture and contributions of minorities. This forum will also consider curriculum, programs of instruction, district assessments, addressing different learning styles and needs of students of various backgrounds and eliminating barriers to equity, and professional development.

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