

## Instruction

**SUBJECT: PATRIOTISM, CITIZENSHIP, AND HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION**

In order to promote a spirit of patriotic and civil service and obligation, as well as to foster in students of the District moral and intellectual qualities which are essential in preparing them to make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good as citizens of a culturally diverse, democratic society in an interdependent world, the Board requires students attending District schools, over the age of eight years, to attend instructional courses in patriotism, citizenship, civic education and values, our shared history of diversity, the role of religious tolerance in this country, and human rights issues.

Through the systematic study of social studies, as outlined in the New York State K-12 Social Studies Framework, the Board directs that the content, as mandated by law, be addressed in the instructional curricula provided by the District.

Education Law § 801  
36 USC § 106

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #8242 -- Civility, Citizenship, and Character Education/Interpersonal Violence Prevention Education

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