

# High School Diploma Civics Education Seal

This Act directs the state board of education to establish criteria for awarding a diploma seal for excellence in civics education and understanding of the state and federal constitutions and the democratic model of government.

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Status: Enacted into law in 2003.

## Suggested State Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1           Section 1. This Act may be cited as “An Act to Establish a Seal for Excellence in Civics  
2 Education.”

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4           Section 2. [*Diploma Seal for Excellence in Civics Education.*]

5           The [state board of education], by [insert date], shall establish criteria for awarding a  
6 special seal on standard and advanced studies diplomas. The special seal shall be awarded for  
7 excellence in civics education and understanding the state and federal constitutions and the  
8 democratic model of government. The [board] shall consider including in the criteria:

- 9           (A) The successful completion of history, government, and civics courses;  
10           (B) Courses that incorporate character education;  
11           (C) Voluntary participation in community service or extracurricular activities; and  
12           (D) Related requirements as it deems appropriate.

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14           Section 3. [*Severability.*] [Insert severability clause.]

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16           Section 4. [*Repealer.*] [Insert repealer clause.]

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18           Section 5. [*Effective Date.*] [Insert effective date.]