

Board of Education
Diploma Seal for Excellence in Civics Education

The Virginia General Assembly has directed the State Board of Education to establish a system for awarding a diploma seal for Excellence in Civics Education. The following criterion was adopted by the Board of Education on June 25, 2003:

To earn a Board of Education Diploma Seal for Excellence in Civics Education a student must satisfy each of the following criteria:

- Satisfy the requirement to earn a Modified Standard Diploma, a Standard Diploma or an Advanced Studies Diploma
- Complete Virginia & United States History and Virginia & United States Government courses with a grade of "B" or higher
- Complete 50 hours of voluntary participation in community service or extracurricular activities which may include and are not limited to activities such as volunteering for a charitable or religious organization that provides services to the poor, sick or less fortunate; participating in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or similar youth organizations; participating in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC); participating in political campaigns, government internships, Boys State, Girls State or Model General Assembly; and participating in school-sponsored extracurricular activities that have a civics focus. **NOTE: Any student who enlists in the United States military prior to graduation will be deemed to have met this community service requirement.**
- Have good attendance and no disciplinary infractions as determined by local school board policies.

Directions to Applicants:

Civic Seals will be awarded to students who meet the requirements. No application is required.

1. Ensure all your qualifying hours are logged on x2VOL and verified prior to May 1st of your graduating year.
2. Address any unexcused absences and discipline issues with your administrator. Your eligibility will be reviewed by your sub school administrator prior to the award of your seal.