

FairVote RI School Civics Questionnaire

Student Life and Extracurriculars

1. Does your school have a student council or government elected by the student body?

Yes No Not Sure

Other _____

2. Does it have public, regular meetings?

Yes No Not Sure

Other _____

3. What types of civics extracurriculars or programs does your school offer?

- Debate team
- Mock trial or moot court
- Model Legislature
- Model United Nations
- We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution
- Project Citizen
- Choices Program
- Plan 540
- Serve and Learn programs
- Street Law
- Legislators Back to School Program
- Peer Mediation
- Close Up
- Other (please list):

4. To your knowledge, does your school have chapters of political parties? If so, please list them below.

Yes No Not Sure

1. _____

4. _____

2. _____

5. _____

3. _____

6. _____

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5. To your knowledge, does your school have chapters of issue advocacy groups (e.g. the Sierra Club, the National Rifle Association, Save the Bay, etc.)? If so, please list them below.

Yes No Not Sure

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

6. To your knowledge, does your school have chapters of other groups fostering civic participation (e.g. 4H Clubs, ROTC, etc.)? If so, please list them below.

Yes No Not Sure

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| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

Civics Education

7. How many civics or government classes does your school offer? If more than one, please list them.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6

Course titles, grades:

8. Is this civics or governments class required?

Yes No Not Sure

Other _____

9. Does your school integrate civics education into non-civics courses? If so, please list (e.g., history, social studies, English/Language Arts, science, math).

Yes No Not Sure

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Other _____

Please list the courses integrating civics education below, including grade levels.
Estimate the portion of classroom time devoted to civics education for each.

Title: _____ Grade(s): _____ Civics time: ____/100

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10. Is one person at your school responsible for overseeing your school's implementation of the draft Rhode Island Grade Span Expectations (GSEs) for Government and Civics and Historical Perspectives/Rhode Island History?

Yes No Not Sure

Other _____

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11. How does your school implement the Civics GSEs? Please give some examples.

12. Do teachers in your school use the Civics GSEs at the Extended Learning level in their courses?

Yes No Not Sure

Other _____

13. How does your school observe Constitution Day? Check all that apply, and briefly note details.

In-class activities or lessons (notes below)

School-wide assemblies (notes below)

Field trips (notes below)

Other (notes below)

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Professional Development

14. What civics-related professional development topics would your school's staff most likely participate in?

15. Are all teachers of Civics and/or Government required to have courses or professional development credits in these areas?

16. What civics-related professional development has been offered to teachers in your school that your teachers have participated in?

17. Have your teachers attended professional development on the Civics GSEs, or would they be interested in having professional development on the Civics GSEs?

18. Have teachers participated in professional development or technical assistance related to service learning and civics education?

19. Do teachers incorporate service learning or community-based learning into their instruction? How does your school support service learning or community-based learning?

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Election Outreach

20. Before the 2008 election, was voter registration offered or available on your campus?

Yes No Not Sure

Other _____

21. Before the 2008 election, were there election-related programs or assemblies on your campus?

Yes No Not Sure

Other _____

If yes, please describe:

22. Before the 2008 election, did your school distribute sample ballots to eligible students?

Yes No Not Sure

Other _____

23. During the course of 2008 election campaign, did your school conduct mock state or presidential elections?

Yes No Not Sure

Other _____

24. What is your school's policy on Election Day absences for student poll workers? Is this an official policy?

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25. What is your school's policy on Election Day absences for student activists? Is this an official policy?

26. What is your school's policy on Election Day absences for student voters? Is this an official policy?

Questions?

Email sledge@fairvote.org or call 401.429.6059. Visit www.rhodeislandsufrage.org/survey/ to fill out an electronic copy.

When completed, mail this survey to:

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