



MAKING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PART OF OUR SCHOOL'S CULTURE

Award Program - The purpose of the Civic Advocacy Network is to recognize schools that actively involve students in civic engagement opportunities and to collect exemplary practices to share with schools across the state. The ultimate goal is to promote civic engagement as part of all preK-12 students' experi-

Award Criteria — Award will be determined by student engagement around the *“Six Proven Practices for Effective Civic Learning”*

1. Instruction in government, history, law, and democracy.
2. Incorporation of discussion of current local, national, and international issues and events in the classroom, particularly those that young people view as important to their lives.
3. Design and implement programs that provide students with opportunities to apply what they learn through performing community service that is linked to the formal curriculum and classroom instruction.
4. Offer extracurricular activities that provide opportunities for young people to get involved in their schools or communities.
5. Encourage student participation in school governance.
6. Encourage students' participation in simulations of democratic processes and procedures.

Award Evaluation — Schools will be evaluated on evidence they provide that one or more of the following takes place around each practice.

- Professional learning: Teachers and staff have been provided training around civic engagement or a particular proven practice
- Implementation of a curriculum: School wide initiatives, national, state, local, or corporate curriculum that address civic engagement or a particular proven practice
- School participation in national, regional, state, or corporate competitions and/or programs that address civic engagement or a particular practice
- Student performance and recognition: Recognition of students or groups of student for success in civic engagement, or a particular proven practice
- School recognition: Recognition of the school by an agency outside of the district for work in civic engagement or a particular proven practice

Award Timeline — Schools will have the following opportunities

Fall	Become familiar with award evidence and scoring rubrics Begin collecting evidence around each of the “Six Practices” Attend a regional Civic Advocacy Network orientation and information meeting
Spring	Annual Civic Engagement Conference in Topeka Begin application submission process Proven Practices Evaluation Team Training
Summer	June 1st application deadline Evaluation teams complete work and scores combined and compiled Winners and Promising Practices identified
Fall	Winners are notified and invited to attend a celebration in Topeka Civic Advocacy Network Award Ceremony September 17th in Topeka