

California Seal of Civic Engagement 2021



CVUSD

CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

California Seal of Civic Engagement Award

State Board of Education Approved (September 2020)

- Encouraging students to become active participants in democracy
- Encouraging active and ongoing citizenship
- Students must demonstrate excellence in civic learning, participation in civics-related projects, contributions to their community, and an understanding of the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, and the American democratic system.
- Students may earn the seal on a transcript, diploma, or Certificate of Completion.
- <https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr20/yr20rel76.asp>

Criteria



1. Be engaged in academic work in a productive way;
2. Demonstrate an understanding of democratic principles, concepts, and processes
3. Civic engagement project(s)
4. Demonstrate civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions through self-reflection
5. Exhibit character traits that reflect civic-mindedness and a commitment to positively impact the classroom, school, community, and/or society.

<https://www.civicseal.org/student-criteria>

Regalia



“The future of our democracy depends on a knowledgeable and actively engaged citizenry, With this new seal, we hope to prepare all students with an empathetic concern for others, a deep understanding of democracy, and the civic engagement skills needed to contribute to the welfare of their local communities, the state, and the country.”

-State Board President Linda Darling-Hammond.

Next Steps



- SDAC Information Item (February 25th General Meeting)
- Expand opportunities for high school students.
- Provide guidance to support high schools as we implement the seal in their communities. Some of the guidance and resources available here: [Resources to Support Civic Engagement web page.](#)
- Communicate to school community regarding opportunity and the specific criteria to be eligible
- Amendments to BP/AR 5126 are on the agenda for information tonight

“We know that when young people activate their voices, they can be among the strongest change agents in our communities. Education is the cornerstone of realizing our democratic ideals, and this new seal puts additional tools in students’ hands as they work to shape the future.”

-State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond

Thank you!

