“Education in a Democracy, both within and without the school, should develop in each individual the knowledge, interests, habits and powers whereby he will find his place and use that place to shape both himself and society toward nobler ends.”

—Effie Newton, 1914

STUDENT CITIZEN ACT OF 2001

The Act directs the State Board of Education to modify the high school and middle school social studies curriculum to include instruction in civics and citizenship.

The Act directs each local board of education to develop and implement character education instruction...to incorporate this instruction into the standard curriculum.

Local boards of education must develop character education instruction as directed in this act by January 1, 2002, and must implement this instruction beginning with the 2002-2003 school year.


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