

COLLEGE, CAREER, AND... CITIZENSHIP?

Teaching our kids to be engaged in democracy was once at the foundation of public education. But is it a priority in schools today?

60%

of mission statements from the 100 largest school districts don't mention civics, citizenship, or democracy

**11 MILLION
STUDENTS**

The 100 largest school districts represent

23%

of eighth-graders earned proficient scores on the 2014 NAEP civics exam

Of the 14,000 total words in those mission statements, U.S. citizenship appears only

ONCE

MOST COMMON THEMES IN MISSION STATEMENTS



SOME DISTRICTS DO PRIORITIZE CIVICS EDUCATION

"Public education is essential for the improvement of society and democracy."

- Wichita Public Schools, KS

"Public education is the foundation to a democratic society; it is essential that BCPS develops an informed, engaged, and responsible citizenry."

- Broward County Public Schools, FL

"Students will be equipped to become contributing, compassionate citizens of the United States as it resides in an increasingly global community."

- Anne Arundel County, MD

"Educating all students to ensure the future of our democracy."

- Alpine School District, UT