



Cincinnati Central School District

SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS

Dear Teachers, Advisors, and Coaches,

This year students within the Cincinnati Central School District have a unique opportunity to earn a seal of distinction on their high school diploma. The Seal of Civic Readiness has been created by the New York State Education Department to serve both as an additional pathway to graduation as well as a seal of distinction and recognition for students who have demonstrated civic readiness, the ability to make a positive difference in the public life of our communities through the combination of civic knowledge, skills and actions, mindsets, and experiences. The Seal of Civic Readiness Committee has worked diligently this summer to allow our graduating seniors to earn the Seal of Civic Readiness this upcoming June.

The Seal of Civic Readiness recognizes there are various ways and opportunities within a district and community for students to demonstrate their civic skills and abilities. Students are able to earn “points” towards the Seal by taking an elective class or participating in an extra-curricular program that promotes civic mindsets and skills. Upon completion of the class or program, students must complete a Seal of Civic Readiness Student Review and Reflection and submit their work to the Committee for the Seal of Civic Readiness.

As a teacher, coach or advisor, the CCSD Seal of Civic Readiness Committee is looking for your help. If you feel your elective class, extra-curricular program, or athletic team may offer students opportunities in line with the Seal of Civic Readiness, please click on the links below to view and familiarize yourself with what students will be asked to do. Students need a minimum of 40 extra-curricular hours promoting civic engagement or civic action in order to earn points toward their Seal. These 40 hours can be divided between extra-curricular programs, where a student needs a minimum of 20 hours in one program toward their 40-hour total. While the Committee is not asking you to change your class or program in any way, if the Seal does fit well with your class or program we would encourage you to discuss the opportunity with your students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out at any time. We know that we have amazing students who, under your guidance and leadership, do wonderful things in our classrooms and community that demonstrate civic knowledge, skills and actions. We are hoping that together we can help our students be recognized for their amazing efforts and accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Seal of Civic Readiness Committee

[Elective Course Student Review and Reflection](#)

[Elective Course Review and Reflection Rubric](#)

[Extra-Curricular/Work Experience Log](#)

[Extra-Curricular Program and Work-based Experience Student Review and Reflection](#)

[Extra-Curricular Work/Experience Review and Reflection Rubric](#)