

# Components of a High-Quality Civics Education



## Foundational Ideas

A grasp of the principles on which society functions and our system of democracy was built

## Core Content Knowledge

An understanding of how those foundational ideas translated into a structure of government and how that structure of government has defined those principles beyond abstract concepts and reshaped them when confronted with changing circumstances

## Policies and Procedures

A comprehension of how government functions and the ways government interacts with different elements of society

## Civic Behaviors

A conception of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, including the obligations of those in the minority and majority

## Political Participation

A sense of how the people influence the government and make it responsive to their will

\* Political participation in students' local communities will be more informed and meaningful when they have achieved competency in the other components of civic education

