



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: Superintendents and Principals

From: Dr. Charity Flores, Chief Academic Officer

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Re: House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1384 – Civics Education

Background:

House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1384 requires the Indiana Department of Education, in collaboration with the Indiana State Board of Education, to establish standards for civics education. Furthermore, a middle school civics education course, based upon the newly-created standards, shall be ready for implementation in Indiana middle schools for the 2023-2024 school year. Public school corporations, charter schools, and state accredited nonpublic schools must include one semester of civics education in either grade six, seven, or eight for the 2023-2024 school year.

Guidance:

The following requirements and information will assist schools with planning for the implementation of the middle school civics course.

1. Beginning with the 2023-2024 grade six cohort, students must complete the middle school civics course prior to completing grade eight.
2. The middle school civics course must be at least one semester in length.
3. The middle school civics course is an additional course for required middle school social studies education.

Schools can learn more about mandatory middle-level curriculum in the Indiana Department of Education's [Elementary and Middle-Level Subjects and Descriptions](#).

The full text of the HEA 1384 is available [here](#). Questions may be directed to [J. Matthew Walsh](#).