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Grade Six Civics Course Frequently Asked Questions

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) created this resource to outline common questions regarding Indiana Code (IC) 20-19-2-14.7 and the development of the new grade six civics course.

Number	Question	Answer
1	When will the new grade six civics course be implemented?	Schools will implement instruction of the new civics course during the 2023-2024 school year. Schools should intentionally plan to teach the civics course during the second semester of sixth grade, while focusing on the remaining grade six social studies standards in the first semester.
2	Why is the civics course required during the second semester of grade six?	Designating the civics course to occur in the second semester of grade six ensures that all Indiana students receive civics instruction. Additionally, requiring the course in grade six allows schools more flexibility with staffing licensed educators for this course.
3	What licensing requirements exist for educators planning to teach the civics course?	Elementary schools that include grade six students can allow any educator with an elementary generalist license to teach the civics course. Additionally, educators who hold a K-8 social studies teaching license may teach the civics course at an intermediate/middle school. View IDOE's Educator Licensing webpage for additional information.
4	Where can I find the Indiana Academic Standards associated with the civics course?	The Indiana Academic Standards for the civics course can be found here . In creating the standards for the sixth grade civics course some current sixth grade standards were moved to seventh and 8th grade and those changes in the standards are represented here . Standards that are new to 7th and 8th grade are highlighted in green.
5	Where can I find additional resources regarding the civics course requirements?	Schools can utilize the Indiana Academic Standards Resource Guide for the grade six civics course for additional support, resources, and examples pertaining to each required standard.

For additional information, please contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#).