



# Indiana Department of Education

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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	<b>When will the new grade six civics course be implemented?</b>	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	<b>Why is the civics course required during the second semester of grade six?</b>	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	<b>What licensing requirements exist for educators planning to teach the civics course?</b>	Teachers holding an elementary generalist license for grades K-6 or 1-6 may teach the sixth grade civics course. Additionally, educators who hold a middle school social studies license for grades 5-9, or a secondary license for grades 5-12 in any social studies area may teach the sixth grade civics course. View IDOE's <a href="#">Educator Licensing webpage</a> for additional information.
4	<b>Where can I find the Indiana Academic Standards associated with the civics course?</b>	The Indiana Academic Standards for the civics course can be found <a href="#">here</a> . In creating the standards for the sixth grade civics course, some current sixth grade standards were moved to seventh and eighth grade, and those changes are represented <a href="#">here</a> . Standards that are new to seventh and eighth grade are highlighted in green.
5	<b>Where can I find additional resources regarding the civics course requirements?</b>	Schools can utilize the <a href="#">Indiana Academic Standards Resource Guide</a> 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](#).