

S.B. 60 American Civics Education Initiative

In accordance with Utah Senate Bill 60, as of July 1, 2015, every public school student who graduates on or after January 1, 2016 must pass a basic civics test, or alternate assessment, as a condition for receiving a high school diploma in the state of Utah.

The USOE has partnered with UEN to create a web resource regarding this new requirement:

<http://www.uen.org/american-civics-education/>

Students must pass a basic civics test, comprised of 50 questions that have been selected from the United States Customs and Immigration Service (USCIS) civics test. The USCIS test can be found here: [Civics \(History and Government\) Questions for the Naturalization Test](#).

- The basic civics test will be administered as an online multiple-choice test.
- Passing the test is defined as answering 35 or more questions correctly from the 50 question test.
- Students may retake the test as many times as needed in order to pass.
- The legislation allows for an alternate assessment to be given to students with a disability and/or a student who is within six months of intended graduation and has not passed the basic civics test. In the alternate assessment, 10 questions are selected and the test-taker must answer 6 correctly.
- The alternate assessment is administered as an oral exam. The LEA may modify the manner of the administration of the alternate assessment for a student with a disability in accordance with the student's IEP.
- Students may choose to take the test one of the following ways:
 1. Students may take the test online at their convenience by going to <http://alpinecivics.org/>
 2. During the 2015-16 school year, the basic civics test will be offered in **Government and Citizenship** classes. We recommend administering the test after the civics component of their social studies course is taught.
 3. Timpanogos High School plans on making a few computer labs available to students before/after school for those who may not have access to a computer or that would like to take the test outside of the Government and Citizenship class. Dates and times will be forthcoming.
- Once a student passes the test, a notification will be posted online to the student's transcripts, indicating that they have passed and have met that graduation requirement.
- There are practice tests/materials available at:
 - ❑ <http://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learners/study-test/study-materials-civics-test>
 - ❑ <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Office%20of%20Citizenship/Citizenship%20Resource%20Center%20Site/Publications/100q.pdf>

LAB TIMES

Labs will be available during the following times to take this test.

704 Lab

Monday 1:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m

Thursday 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m

Media Center Lab

Tuesday 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m

Thursday 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m