

**CITIZENSHIP COURSE USER GUIDE**

**School District Course #9900090 • College Classification of Instructional Program #1533.010200**

<b>Who is the intended population?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persons who wish to become a naturalized U.S. citizen, and:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Are speakers of other languages and need to learn sufficient English to:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fill out the USCIS Application for Naturalization (N-400).</li> <li>▪ Respond in English to questions in the interview about their application</li> <li>▪ Pass the English test and the U.S. Government/Civics test.</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Are English speakers who are able to take the English test but need to learn about filling out the N-400 and to prepare for taking the U.S. Government/Civics Examination.</li> <li>✓ Have been notified by the U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) they are eligible to take the U.S. Citizenship Examination.</li> <li>✓ Plan to take the examination shortly after completing the course.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>What is the purpose of the course?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare students to successfully complete the steps to becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.) Fill out the USCIS Application for Naturalization.</li> <li>b.) Respond to questions about their application.</li> <li>c.) Pass the English test and the U.S. Government/Civics test.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>What is <u>not</u> the purpose of the course?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose of the course is <b><u>not</u></b> to fulfill the requirements of federally-funded English Literacy and Civics (EL/Civics) grants. <b><u>This course does not cover the required number of civics topics that are required to be taught in programs that receive EL/Civics grants.</u></b></li> </ul>
<b>How are students placed in the course?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are required to take a state-approved test.</li> <li>• Non-English speakers should obtain a reading and listening score at or above the ESOL Low Intermediate level on one of the following tests: BEST Plus <math>\geq 437</math>, BEST Literacy <math>\geq 62</math>, CASAS <math>\geq 200</math>, or TABE CLAS-E listening <math>\geq 467</math> and reading <math>\geq 475</math>.</li> <li>• English speakers should obtain a reading score at or above the ABE Beginning Basic level on TABE.</li> <li>• If a student obtains a score lower than the recommended level, the program may take into consideration other evidence to determine if the student is able to take the course.</li> </ul>
<b>How are students tested?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must take a state-approved test upon enrollment.</li> <li>• Sample tests from USCIS and textbook end-of-chapter tests and others may be used to measure progress and guide instruction.</li> </ul>
<b>What are students taught?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. history, government, culture and symbols, as well as the rights and responsibilities under the Constitution of the United States of America.</li> <li>• The content of the 100 civics questions used in the interview.</li> <li>• Instructional resources may be obtained from the USCIS website, <a href="http://www.uscis.gov/">www.uscis.gov/</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>How are students taught?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instruction may be provided in a classroom setting, online, or through distance learning.</li> <li>• Instruction in all of the teaching modalities follow the course curriculum together with materials correlated to the naturalization interview and examination.</li> </ul>
<b>How do students complete the course?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By completing the competencies listed in the course curriculum and the Progress Report.</li> <li>• Upon satisfactory completion of the course competencies, the instructor and program director sign off on the Progress Report to indicate the student satisfactorily completed the course.</li> </ul>