

ULSTER COUNTY BOCES

Citizenship Education

POLICY # 4311

Educating students on responsible citizenship is a role of public schools. Significant components of responsible citizenship include, but are not restricted to, a knowledge of:

1. the history of our Nation;
2. the democratic principles of freedom, justice and equality;
3. the necessity of citizen participation in the political process to maintain a democratic form of government;
4. our heritage -- including customs, traditions, rituals, and symbols of allegiance to our country (including proper etiquette); and
5. our Nation's responsibilities in a global society.

This knowledge is reinforced by appropriate ceremonies and observances which aid students in the development of their interpretations of patriotism and citizenship.

The opportunity to participate in patriotic ceremonies should be available on a regular basis to all students.

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