

## A Civic Education Snapshot of Florida

This is a snapshot of Florida's civic education policies within the context of other data related to education, socioeconomic factors, political engagement and civic, & political climate. Supported by the S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation.

### CIVIC EDUCATION

Civics required for H.S. graduation	Yes
Number of years of H.S. social studies	3
State assessment in H.S. social studies	Yes
Service Learning standards present	Yes

As of March 2014, greater detail about civic education graduation requirements, assessments and standards can be found on the back of this snapshot.

### EDUCATION

	FL	US
<b>Education Spending</b> (% of total budget - 2011)		
2.9% (FL) / 3.6% (US)		
<b>\$ per student</b> (2011)		
\$9,752 (FL) / \$11,864 (US)		
<b>8th Grade Math</b> (prof. or above—2013)	30.8%	34.4%
<b>8th Grade Reading</b> (prof. or above—2013)	33.3%	34.3%
<b>High Test Scores</b> (11th-12th AP—2012)	36.6%	25.7%
<b>Graduation Rate</b> (CPI—2010)	72.9%	74.7%

**Total Population**  
18,885,152

**Educational Attainment** (age 25+)

Less than High School	14.2%	14.2% (US)
High School No College	29.8%	28.2% (US)
Some College, No Bachelor's	29.8%	29.0% (US)
Bachelor's or Higher	26.2%	28.5% (US)

### SOCIOECONOMIC (ACS 5-yr 2008-2012)

Race / Ethnicity	FL	US
African American	15.20%	12.2%
American Indian / Native Alaskan	0.20%	0.7%
Asian	2.40%	4.8%
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0.10%	0.2%
Latino / Hispanic	22.50%	16.4%
White / Caucasian	57.80%	63.7%
Two or More / Other	0.30%	2.2%

### Economic FL vs. US

<b>Median Household Income</b>	\$47,309	\$53,046
<b>Families Living in Poverty</b>	11.40%	10.9%
<b>Children Living in Poverty</b>	22.50%	20.8%
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	11.3%	9.3%

### 2012 ELECTION

	FL		US	
	18-29	30+	18-29	30+
Voter Turnout	45.80%	64.30%	45.0%	66.3%
Registered to Vote	55.80%	71.10%	57.8%	74.8%
% of Reg. who Voted	82.00%	90.30%	77.9%	88.7%
Population Share	18.00%	82.00%	21.3%	78.7%

**Battleground State?**  
Tossup

### CIVIC & POLITICAL CLIMATE

<b>Group Association</b>	33.60% (FL) / 39.2% (US)
<b>Nonprofits</b> (per 1,000 residents)	3.4 (FL) / 5.6 (US)
<b>Charitable Giving</b> (\$25 or more)	45.50% (FL) / 39.2% (US)
<b>Volunteer Rate</b>	22.90% (FL) / 26.8% (US)

**Governor**  
Republican

**State Senate**  
Republican Control  
14 (D) / 26 (R) / 0 (O)

**State House**  
Republican Control  
44 (D) / 26 (R) / 0 (O)

civic indicators are for 2011 & political indicators are as of 2/15/14

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## SOCIAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS (H.S. Graduation)

	Required Course	Standardized Test
U.S. History	Yes	Yes
World History	Yes	No
State History	No	No
Civics / American Gov.	Yes	Yes
Economics	Yes	No
Geography	No	No
Personal Finance	No	No
General Social Studies	No	No

**Other Requirements:** None

## SERVICE LEARNING STANDARDS (0 present)

Meaningful Service	No
Reflection	No
Partnerships	No
Links to Curriculum	No
Youth Voice	No
Diversity	No
Duration & Intensity	No
Progress Monitoring and Evaluation	No

## CIVICS CONTENT STANDARDS

Culture & Diversity	Yes
Time, Continuity & Change	Yes
People, Places & Environments	Yes
Power, Authority & Governance	Yes
Production, Distribution & Consumption	Yes
Real World Applications	Yes
Science, Technology & Society	Yes
Civic Ideals & Practices	Yes
Global Connections	Yes
Individuals, Groups & Institutions	Yes
Individual Development & Identity	No

## CIVICS ASSESSED AT STATE LEVEL

Constitutions	No
Government Function & Structure	No
Responsibility of Citizenship	No
Global Connections	No

### OF NOTE:

New state assessment in spring 2013 for U.S. History and new Civics assessment in spring 2014.

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CIRCLE (The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning & Engagement) conducts research on civic education in schools, colleges, and community settings and on young Americans' voting and political participation, service, activism, media use, and other forms of civic engagement. It is housed at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service at Tufts University.

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