



Akron Central School District

In Pursuit of Excellence

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Dear/Nya:wëh sgë:nö' Parents and Guardians,

A few years ago, New York State created the Seal of Civic Readiness (SCR) distinction. The Seal of Civic Readiness is a formal recognition that a student has attained a high level of proficiency in terms of civic knowledge, civic skills, civic mindset, and civic experiences. The Seal of Civic Readiness distinction on a high school transcript and diploma:

- shows the student's understanding of a commitment to participatory government; civic responsibility and civic values;
- demonstrates to universities, colleges, and future employers that the student has completed an action project in civics or social justice; and
- recognizes the value of civic engagement and scholarship.

Over the past year, we, along with our Seal of Civic Readiness facilitators and school counselors, have researched SCR, communicated and collaborated with multiple local school districts, and continue to attend professional development and consortium meetings centered around the Seal of Civic Readiness. We are pleased to share that Akron has submitted an application to NYS to begin to offer the Seal of Civic Readiness distinction to students who demonstrate proficiency as outlined by New York State. Although we have not received formal acceptance, we have spoken to all students about the Seal. We plan to gauge student interest through a brief Google form. At that point, our SCR facilitators will begin to meet with students to review the criteria, prioritizing our seniors first.

We are thrilled at the possibility to recognize the hard work and civic engagement of our students through the Seal of CR and await approval from the state. As implementation begins, individual pathways and specifics will be communicated. In the meantime, please visit:

<https://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/seal-civic-readiness>. Please continue to read our monthly Tiger Tracks for SCR updates on application and implementation. Go Tigers!

Sincerely,

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