Table 12. Civic Competency Performance Level Descriptors for the Civic Competency and Engagement

Module

Advanced	Proficient	Developing
A typical student at the advanced level	A typical student at the proficient level has	A typical student at the developing level may
has demonstrated the ability to:	demonstrated the ability to:	sometimes:
understand how knowledge of	understand fundamental government	display knowledge of fundamental
fundamental government institutions	institutions and processes.	government institutions and processes.
and processes enables more effective		
civic participation.		
evaluate strengths and weaknesses of	identify potential solutions to public	identify different positions in public debates
potential solutions to public debates	debates over major political or social	over major political or social issues.
over major political or social issues.	issues.	
apply appropriate evaluative standards	recognize differences in how political	recognize when political information and
to different types of media (e.g. social	information is conveyed through different	opinion is being conveyed through different
media, online newspapers, network	types of media (e.g. social media, online	types of media (e.g. social media, online
television) used to convey political	newspapers, network television).	newspapers, network television).
information.		
relate historical events and trends to	understand current political discourse and	display some knowledge of current political
current political discourse and debates.	debates.	discourse and debates.
understand the potential effects of	understand the potential effects of laws	recognize the effects of laws or policies.
laws or policies on different	or policies.	
communities or groups.		
apply principles from foundational	understand the relationship of	comprehend the content of foundational
political documents to current political	foundational political documents to	political documents.
or community issues.	current political or community issues.	
understand fundamental principles of	understand fundamental principles of	display knowledge of fundamental principle
democratic processes, civil rights, and	democratic processes, civil rights, and the	of democratic processes and civil rights.
the rule of law.	rule of law.	
understand legal aspects of	understand legal aspects of citizenship,	display knowledge of the legal aspects of
citizenship, voting, and representation.	voting, and representation.	citizenship, voting, and representation.
consistently distinguish evidence-	consistently distinguish evidence-backed	distinguish evidence-backed facts from
backed facts from unsubstantiated	facts from unsubstantiated opinions.	unsubstantiated opinions.
opinions.		
apply appropriate ethical and/or	apply appropriate ethical and/or	identify ethical and/or democratic principles
democratic principles to political	democratic principles to political decisions	relevant to political decisions or practices.
decisions or practices.	or practices.	
consistently choose the most	consistently choose the most appropriate	choose an appropriate mode of participation
appropriate mode of participation to	mode of participation to resolve political	to resolve political or community issues.
resolve political or community issues.	or community issues.	
analyze social or political systems to		
plan processes of problem-solving and		
public action.		
relate national policy and political		
events to a global or international		
perspective.		



