

Committee on American Civics  
Monday, December 8, 2025 6:00 PM  
Mr. Rossman's Social Studies Room  
P.O. Box 8400  
Ravenna, NE 68869-8400

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - Open Meeting Law
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Discussion Items
  - 3.1. Discuss, consider, and take all action necessary to LB 399
  - 3.2. Guest Presentation: Middle School and High School Teachers-How are we meeting the requirement of LB 399 in the middle school and high school social studies classrooms?
4. Adjournment

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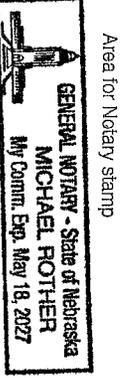
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN  
CIVICS MEETING  
RAVENNA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
High School Library  
P.O. Box 8400  
Ravenna, NE 68869-8400  
Monday, October 9, 2023  
7:30 PM**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Education of the School District 69 of Ravenna, in the county of Buffalo, in the state of Nebraska, a/k/a School District No. 69 of Buffalo County, Nebraska, will hold a Committee on American Civics Meeting on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., at the Ravenna Public School, in the high school library, which meeting will be open to the public. The agenda shall be readily available for public inspection at the administration

office of the school during the normal business hours or at <https://meeting.sparqdata.com/Public/Organization/64>.

By: The Board of Education  
Ravenna Public Schools  
Dawn Standage, Secretary

#### AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - Open Meeting Law
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Discussion Items
  - 3.1. Discuss, consider, and take all action necessary to elementary and secondary principals' annual multi-cultural reports
  - 3.2. Discuss, consider, and take all action necessary to LB 399
  - 3.3. Guest Presentation: Secondary Social Studies Teachers-How are we meeting the requirement of LB 399 in the secondary social studies classroom?
4. Adjournment

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# Legislative Bill 399

— In Mr. Rossman's &  
Mr. May's Classrooms —

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# District Curriculum Section 1 C

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In the social studies department, we are now using updated, new textbooks that align with the new standards that have been adopted.

All standards are visible on lesson plans as well as student learning objectives.

# Formative/Interim/Summative Assessments Section F

We use a variety of strategies to check for understanding with our students.

Examples: Multiple-Choice, Essay Questions, Matching, Quizzes, Tests, Homework Worksheets, Individual and Group Projects, Bell Ringers, Exit Tickets, Graphic Organizers, Think-Pair-Share, Observations, Questioning, Discussions

## Social Studies curriculum incorporates 1 or more of following: Section G

(i) Administration of a written test that is identical to the naturalization test:

--7th grade: Quarter quiz of 25 questions off of naturalization test, at the end of the year they will take the full 100 question naturalization test.

--12 grade: Will be given 4 practice tests of the naturalization test, and then will be given a 100 question test that will need to be passed with an 80% or above by the end of their senior year. Scores will be out of 100 points and the students and parents will be notified of their student's results via Infinite Campus

In reviewing the law, it seems the easiest way to meet this requirement would be to administer a copy of the naturalization test once in 8th grade and then again as Mr. May plans to. I spoke with Shari. She can easily archive these scores in Infinite Campus and send a mailing based on the student's scores. I would suggest 1 test before the end of 8th grade and then the other's Brett plans, with grades for both dumped into IC and reports generated as sent from the office. That way all the data is in one spot.

HOWEVER, if you want to meet the requirements in some other way, we sure can.

## **Social Studies curriculum incorporates 1 or more of following: Section G**

(ii) Attendance or participation between 8th-12th grade in a meeting of a public body followed by the completion of a project or paper discussing the personal learning experience.

We could easily have the 8th graders attend a public meeting, namely, the school board meeting and then have them write a one page report about what they learned.

8th Graders attend School Board Meeting after completion of Patriot Pen Essay detailing what they wrote about and write a 1-page report on their experience at the board meeting

12th Graders can attend city council meetings to understand how local government functions

## Social Studies curriculum incorporates 1 or more of following: Section G

(iii) Project/Paper with a class presentation of a person/event commemorated by a holiday:

- **8th grade American History:** “Presidents Project” with presentation over George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, amongst other Presidents, reviewing their lives and accomplishments beginning with their births through their presidency.
- **11th grade American History:** Holiday project with presentation over Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Native American Heritage Day, Constitution Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day.
- **12th Grade American Government:** presentations over events such as Pearl Harbor Remembrance day, Independence Day, etc.

# Section 3 (Does not pertain to 7-12)

# Patriotic exercises for the occasions (Section 6)

-George Washington's Birthday, Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, Native American Heritage Day, Constitution Day, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Malcolm X Day

- We will teach every occasion listed above within a week of their happening, in both American History/Civics/Government classes.
  - Through a short essay, video, small project, or other classroom activity that brings recognition and understanding to these important historical events.