

EL/Civics Update

ICCB Administrators Meeting

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Agenda

- EL/Civics Statistics FY14
- New Tool:
EL/Civics Classroom Activity List

Some Statistics

FY 14

Forty ICCB programs currently offer EL/Civics classes.

As of April 2014, approximately 4850 students were enrolled in ICCB EL/Civics classes.

Some Statistics

FY 14

Approximately 80 % of students had achieved the competency requirement as of April 2014.

ICCB Guidelines



- 2 competencies per 15 attendance hours
- Per student
- High beginning (NRS 3) and above
- May repeat

EL/Civics Improvement Committee

Two Tasks in FY 13:

- Revise Illinois EL/Civics Competencies List
- Develop a **Classroom Activity List** to assist instructors with implementing the new competency list

EL/Civics Committee--Programs

1. Albany Park Community Center
2. Chinese Mutual Aid Association
3. College of Lake County
4. Elgin YWCA
5. Harper College
6. Heartland Community College
7. High School District #214 Community Education
8. Instituto del Progreso Latino
9. Lincoln Land Community College
10. Southwestern Illinois College
11. Triton College
12. Truman College
13. Waubonsee Community College
14. World Relief-DuPage

Revised IL EL/Civics Competencies List

- 2 new categories added:
Employment and *Consumer Economics*
- One category renamed:
Health Services now *Health and Wellness*
- Some competencies were dropped, combined, or reworded

Revised IL EL/Civics Competencies List

- 2007 List: 41 competencies
- 2014 List: 70 competencies

EL/Civics Classroom Activity List

What is it?

- Not lesson plans
- Not prescriptive

A practical tool for planning lessons at various NRS levels

EL/Civics Classroom Activity List

Which competencies are included?

- Competencies that can be demonstrated at various levels, including High Beginning
- 3-4 competencies per category
(See **bold** on pages iv – vi)
- Over 1/3 of the competencies are included

EL/Civics Classroom Activity List

Ideal for:

- Multilevel classrooms
- Repetition of competencies at higher language levels

EL/Civics Classroom Activity List

Resources:

- Free Internet resources and web sites
(live links in electronic version)
- *Community Connections* Curriculum
- Commonly used ESL core series

EL/Civics Classroom Activity List

Let's look at some examples....



EL/Civics Classroom Activity List

Health and Wellness (HW) Page 14

- HW3: Complete a health information form, including family medical history, current medications, and allergies.

Resource:

MiraCosta College's ESL health lessons, lesson 28.5

https://www.miracosta.edu/instruction/continuingeducation/esl/downloads/JBHealthAdv28.5.0527_2009.pdf

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Employment (EM) Page 29

- EM2: Describe common employee benefits (e.g., health care, vacation, sick days).

Resource: Chipotle

http://careers.chipotle.com/en-US/careers/path_and_compensation/path_and_compensation.aspx

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Community Resources (CR) Pages 9-10

- CR4: Read common traffic and pedestrian signs.

Resources:

Visuals for Flash Cards and Matching Activity

http://www.nc-net.info/ESL/Caldwell/Year_1/Lesson_Plans/Traffic_Signs/traffic_signs.php

Illinois Rules of the Road Review Course workbook, pp. 10-11

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/dsd_ds9.pdf

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Consumer Economics (CE) Page 33

- CE1: Locate financial service options (e.g., banks, check cashing services) in their communities and describe services offered.

Resources:

OTAN Financial Literacy Lessons for ESL Students

http://www.otan.us/images/publicarchive/ArchivesDigitalFiles/ELCivics/Financial_Lit/003370financial_literacy_esl.pdf

Checking Finder

<https://www.checkingfinder.com/>

Professional Development

Two Upcoming Webinars

- Monday, May 5, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

- Friday, May 23, 2014

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Discussion & Sharing

- How will these materials help your EL/Civics program?

Discussion & Sharing

- What is **one tip** you'd like to share that has worked well in your EL/Civics program?



Civics Education

Civics Education helps adults enhance their **roles** as active and informed parents, workers, neighbors and community participants by assisting them to understand the **rights and responsibilities** of citizenship, U.S. history and government, the naturalization process, and **community participation**.

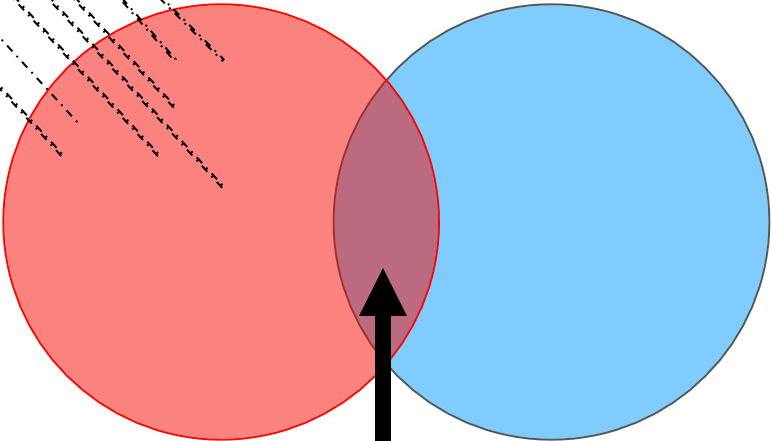
This includes being able to successfully **access community resources and services** (e.g., governmental, educational, workplace-related) as well as contributing back to and positively **impacting on the community**.

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Illinois ESL
Content Standards

ESL Curriculum

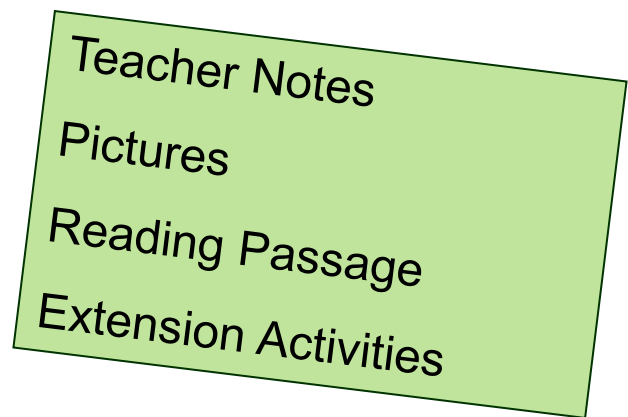


EL-Civics
Competencies

EL-Civics Lesson Plans

Community Connections

- The Democratic Process
- Community and Home Safety
- The Public Library
- The U.S. School System
- Public Health Services
- Housing



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Documentation Codes

T O = Teacher Observation

O R = Oral Response/Report

W E = Written Evidence

O = Other – Specify in “Other” Column

<i>Code</i>	<i>EL/Civics Competency</i>			
The Democratic Process (DP)		<i>Date Demonstrated</i>	<i>Documentation Code</i>	<i>Other Documentation</i>
DP1	Define voting.	2/09/11	OR	
DP2	Explain the importance of voting.	2/15/11	WE	