On September 10, 2020, the State Board of Education (SBE) adopted criteria and guidance to award a State Seal of Civic Engagement to California students who demonstrate excellence in civics education and participation, and an understanding of the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, and the democratic system of government.

The Los Angeles County Office of Education in collaboration with the Content, Literacy, Inquiry, and Citizenship (CLIC) Project has developed two online, no-cost, self-paced courses to help 11th and 12th grade students learn and demonstrate understanding of the California Constitution and tribal government structures and organizations in order to meet Criteria 2 to earn the State Seal of Civic Engagement:

2. *Demonstrate a competent understanding of United States and California constitutions; functions and governance of local governments; tribal government structures and organizations; the role of the citizen in a constitutional democracy; and democratic principles, concepts, and processes.*

https://tinyurl.com/k5mfjyry  
https://tinyurl.com/ymb52mas

Each online course is designed to be taken separately, in one sitting, and should take between 2 and 4 hours to complete. At the end of each course, users will be directed to link to a final test found on the Qualtrics platform. They will be asked to submit their name and email address. Upon completion of the test, an email and scores will be visible and can be printed out to submit to a teacher or school to determine if the user has adequately demonstrated understanding of the topic in order to meet Criteria 2 of the State Seal of Civic Engagement.

More information on the State Seal of Civic Engagement can be found at https://www.cde.ca.gov/pd/ca/hs/hssstateseal.asp

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