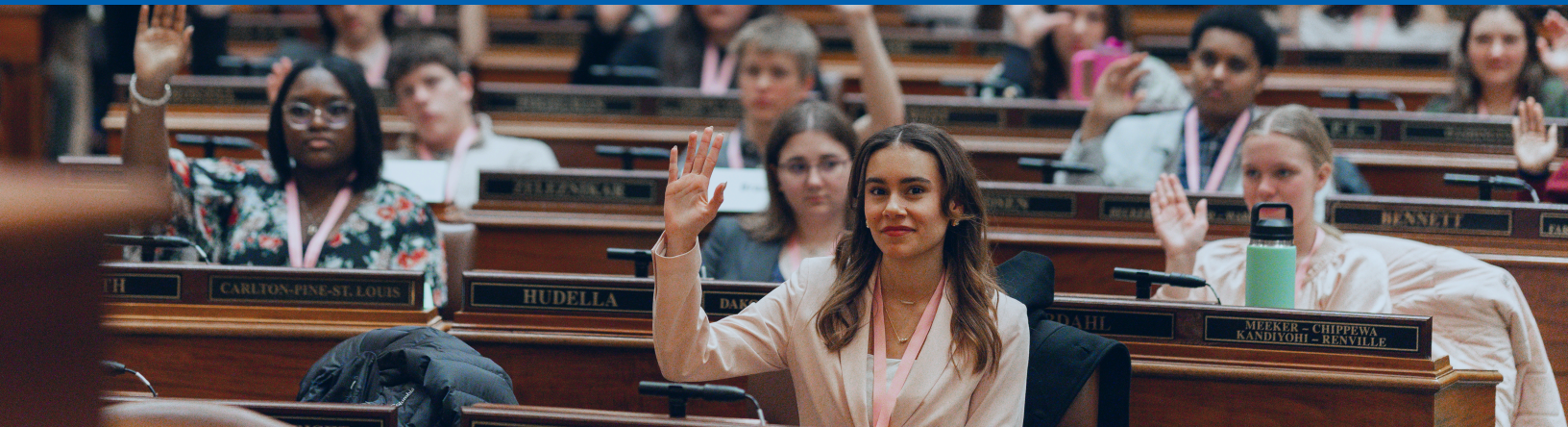


Minnesota Civic Seal

Empowering the Next Generation of Engaged Citizens



Our democracy thrives on the active participation of informed and engaged citizens. However, there is growing concern about declining civic engagement among young people. Many students lack sufficient knowledge about how the government works and feel disengaged from civic life.

This lack of civic engagement is further compounded by limited opportunities for civic learning in schools and the rise of "civic deserts," areas with few places for people to meet and discuss issues. **This trend threatens the very foundation of our democratic society.**

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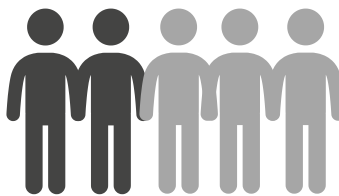
69%
of young people

believe the nation is **more divided than ever**, with many expressing distrust in public institutions and the American political system

Only

23%
of young people

trust adults in their own community.



2 in 5 young people feel somewhat prepared for civic participation based on their civic education experiences.

Amid all of this,

9 in 10 (91%)
young people

believe that **everyone should have access** to civic learning opportunities.

Only

19%
of young people

believe society is headed towards a **better future**.

Source: NORC web survey for APA conducted in June and July 2024 with 1,555 young people ages 13–24 nationwide.



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The Minnesota Civic Seal legislation will create a formal recognition on a student's diploma for meeting specific requirements in civic knowledge, skills, and engagement.

- **Civic Knowledge:** Completing coursework in civics or government that meet or exceed the state standards.
- **Project-Based Learning:** Participating in a project-based assessment that demonstrates an understanding of civic engagement, public policy, or government operations.
- **Real World Engagement:** Engaging in at least one civic activity outside of the classroom like voting, attending public meetings, volunteering, or advocating for a cause.
- **Civic Mindset:** Demonstrating qualities like civil discourse and a respect for diverse viewpoints.

Twelve states have already established civic seals to reward students who demonstrate civic knowledge and engagement.



For more information and to get involved:



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