

Civic Education in Florida

During the 1997 legislative session, Florida lawmakers amended the Florida statutes to read as follows:

Required instruction. –

(2) Members of the instructional staff of the public schools ... shall teach ... the following:

(e) The elements of civil government shall include the primary functions of and inter-relationships between the Federal Government, the state, and its counties, municipalities, school districts, and special districts. (Chapter 1003, Section 42, Florida Statutes)

The Florida League of Cities is pleased to provide this curriculum supplement, *The ABCs of City Government*, to assist educators in meeting this state requirement. Additional copies are available from the League.

For a list of other educational resources available through the Florida League of Cities, please visit our Web site at www.flcities.com/i_am_teacher.asp. Those projects include:

My City: I'm Part of It, I'm Proud of It – This publication is a model program promoting active citizenship to Florida students. It includes five lessons and activities about city government. To download a copy of this book, visit www.flcities.com/membership/my_city.asp or contact the League for a copy.

Florida City Government Week – An annual event held in October that provides a special time to teach about municipal government issues and to develop city-school partnership programs. Visit www.flcities.com/i_am_teacher.asp for a list of partnership ideas and other information on Florida City Government Week.

FLC Youth Councils – The FLC is developing a model youth activity for cities. This project provides high school students with additional insight into municipal governance, as well as to gain real-world experience about issues facing municipalities statewide and nationally. This program also prepares students to pursue careers in public service. The apex of this program takes place during the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference.

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