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Oregon House Adds Civics Education to Oregon High School Curriculum

Senate Bill 513 A requires that Oregon high school students receive one half-credit in civics education prior to graduation

SALEM, OR—The Oregon House voted today to make education in civics a requirement for high school students. [Senate Bill 513 A](#) updates Oregon’s high school graduation requirements to also include one half-credit of civics.

“SB 513 A is a bill that begins the process of holding our schools accountable for teaching the next generation of Oregonians how to operate the most complex, complicated, and often confounding structure of self-governance in human history,” said [Rep. Paul Evans](#) (D-Monmouth). “This bill is not a Panacea, but it is the foundation for a shared vocabulary. It will open the door to a larger more strategic investment in lifelong public service experiences and community-based opportunities for learning how to improve a neighborhood, a school, a community, and a nation.”

“In recent years, we have seen a growing mistrust of our democratic institutions, and an undermining of political norms,” said [Rep. Teresa Alonso Leon](#) (D-Woodburn). “Providing students with a civics education where our diverse population can see themselves in it and promoting a greater understanding of how our governing bodies work will help repair some of that damage.”

SB 513 A, which passed with unanimous support, now heads to the Governor’s desk.

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