

## **HEIghten® Civic Competency & Engagement**

### **Civic Competency Performance Level Descriptions for earning a Certificate & Badge**

#### **Advanced (Scaled Score Range 173–180)**

A typical student at the Advanced level has demonstrated the ability to:

- understand how knowledge of fundamental government institutions and processes enables more effective civic participation.
- evaluate strengths and weaknesses of potential solutions to public debates over major political or social issues.
- apply appropriate evaluative standards to different types of media (e.g., social media, online newspapers, network television) used to convey political information.
- relate historical events and trends to current political discourse and debates.
- understand the potential effects of laws or policies on different communities or groups.
- apply principles from foundational political documents to current political or community issues.
- understand fundamental principles of democratic processes, civil rights and the rule of law.
- understand legal aspects of citizenship, voting and representation.
- consistently distinguish evidence-backed facts from unsubstantiated opinions.
- apply appropriate ethical and/or democratic principles to political decisions or practices.
- consistently choose the most appropriate mode of participation to resolve political or community issues.
- analyze social or political systems to plan processes of problem solving and public action.
- relate national policy and political events to a global or international perspective.

#### **Proficient (Scaled Score Range 157–172)**

A typical student at the Proficient level has demonstrated the ability to:

- understand fundamental government institutions and processes.
- identify potential solutions to public debates over major political or social issues.
- recognize differences in how political information is conveyed through different types of media (e.g., social media, online newspapers, network television).
- understand current political discourse and debates.
- understand the potential effects of laws or policies.
- understand the relationship of foundational political documents to current political or community issues.
- understand fundamental principles of democratic processes, civil rights and the rule of law.
- understand legal aspects of citizenship, voting and representation.
- consistently distinguish evidence-backed facts from unsubstantiated opinions.
- apply appropriate ethical and/or democratic principles to political decisions or practices.
- consistently choose the most appropriate mode of participation to resolve political or community issues.