

All schools districtwide recognize and honor the following historical dates as part of furthering civic discourse and student engagement in government. Teachers are provided with resources and websites for curriculum support through the social studies newsletter. There are several dates including:

September 11

Constitution Day

Memorial Day

As part of the US History I course, a high school graduation requirement, students learn about the roles and responsibilities of federal, state and local governments in the United States, as well as the major components of Massachusetts' state and local government (MA Framework Standards USI.15-USI.21).

In addition to the required course for all students, the district offers a variety of high school elective courses that include a focus on government:

AP Government and Politics (offered at all 6 comprehensive high schools)

AP US History (offered at all 6 comprehensive high schools)

Civics and Government

Criminal Justice

Intro to Government and Justice

Intro to Law

Legal Aspects

Social Systems and Justice

Fifty high school juniors/seniors are accepted each year into the Worcester Rising Civics Camp held at Worcester State University during April break. Students are able to hear speakers from all levels of government and to interact with the speakers and panelists. This opportunity has provided students with access to the inner workings of government and a heightened awareness of their own civic duty.

High schools also have a long history of community service projects that allow larger numbers of students to work with City Council and local officials on a variety of issues that expose them to the workings and function of government.