Teaching Students about citizen participation in a ....

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Why is civic education necessary in school?
Civic engagement is very important. We all live here together and we need to look out for one another.

"Our ultimate objective in learning about anything is to try to create and develop a more just society than we have seen."
Yuri Kochiyama, Activist

"We have to ask ourselves, what does democracy mean if we’re going to incorporate a wide range of civic participation, not just voting? And what are we talking about when we talk about an active citizen?"
Helen Haste
Harvard Graduate School of Education

"Rights that do not flow from duty well performed are not worth having."
Mahatma K. Gandhi

"Civic education and civic responsibility should be taught in elementary school.
Donna Brazile
www.idlehearts.com"
Learning civic participation in an authentic way increases the chances that those students will become active civic participants as adults.
The following lessons and activities center on voting, voter turnout, evaluating candidates and ballot measures with Georgia’s 2022 State/Local Elections.
Georgia Standards of Excellence:

SS8CG1 Describe the foundations of Georgia’s government.
c. Describe the rights and responsibilities of citizens according to the Georgia Constitution.
d. List voting qualifications for elections in Georgia.

SS8CG3 Analyze the role of the executive branch in Georgia state government.
a. Explain the qualifications for the governor and lieutenant governor and their role in the executive branch of state government.

SS8CG6 Analyze the role of local governments in the state of Georgia.
a. Explain the origins and purposes, of city, county, and special-purpose governments in Georgia.
Day 1: Students need to understand Citizen Rights and Responsibilities

● Introduce the concept of citizenship and responsibility with this video:

○ Ask students to reflect on what it means to be a citizen of the United States

■ What does citizenship mean? What does citizenship look like?
Day 1 Continued...

- Connect video discussion to voting in state and local elections
- Complete the “Responsible Citizens Vote” and the “In a Democracy, the Majority Rules...Or Does It?” activity
- Reflection Questions: What is an issue that is important to you in your community? Why is it important? Do you think it is important to others?
Day 2: Students need to understand the Importance of Voting

- Read Article
- Complete “How Responsible Citizens Prepare to Vote” Activity
- Which ballot issue do you think is the most important, why? Which ballot issue do you think is the least important, why?
Day 3: Ballot Breakdown of Georgia’s Race for Governor

- Review Ballot measures
- Complete the breakdown with the governor’s race information.
- Create a 5-step process to evaluate candidates before voting
- Reflect on Activity
Other Election Resources and Games from ICivics
Grades 6-12 will vote for US Senate, Constitutional Officers, and State Legislature

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