

High School Civics Test FAQs

Q. Who has to take the high school civics test?

A. *Any student seeking a high school Diploma.*

Q. Can a parent opt their student out of this test?

A. *A parent may opt their student out of this test but must understand that doing so disallows the student from receiving a Utah high school diploma.*

Q. What is the civics test?

A. *The civics test consists of 50 questions selected from the 100 questions on the United States Customs and Immigration Service civics test.*

Q. What score is needed to pass the civics test?

A. *Students must correctly answer 35 of 50 (70%) questions to pass.*

Q. What if a student fails the civics test?

A. *Students may take the test as many times as necessary to pass*

Q. When can the student take the civics test?

A. *Students may take the test in any grade. (Since much of the civics content is applicable to the 8th grade core standards, it is appropriate to administer the test after 8th grade.)*

Q. What about students with disabilities, an IEP, or is identified as needing an alternative to the civics test?

A. *An alternate assessment may be given to students with disabilities, IEPs, and/or student s identified by the school district as qualifying for alternate assessment.*