



# LA JOYA HIGH SCHOOL



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*"THE STRENGTH OF THE PACK IS THE WOLF, AND THE STRENGTH OF THE WOLF IS THE PACK"*

February 23, 2016

Dear Parent,

In 2015, the Arizona legislature passed the American Civics Act (House Bill 2064). This bill will require students, beginning with the graduating class of 2017, to pass a civics test based on the United States Immigration and Naturalization civics questions. Students will be required to correctly answer at least 60 out of 100 questions in order to graduate from high school or obtain a high school equivalency certificate. This new graduation requirement applies to all students in the graduating class of 2017 and later. This would typically represent current high school juniors and younger.

In order to allow the class of 2017 multiple opportunities to pass this new Civics exam, TUHSD is preparing to offer the exam to all U.S. History and AP U.S. History students electronically in March of 2016. For students that do not pass the exam in March, at least one more opportunity to pass the exam will be offered this academic school year prior to May 20, 2016.

Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year students will have the opportunity to take the assessment in U.S. History, AP U.S. History, Government, and Economics.

Students may take the Civics exam an unlimited number of times until they pass & more opportunities to take the test will be offered if needed. Once a student passes the exam, they will not be required to take it again regardless of what grade level they are in when they pass.

If you have any questions about the new Civics exam graduation requirement you can visit <http://www.azed.gov/hsgraduation/> to learn more about the requirement. You can also visit <http://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learners/study-test/study-materials-civics-test> to find study guides and practice exams for the Civics test.

Regards,

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Principal