

# ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## LAGRANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Beginning in May 2021, the Arlington Central School District was named one of 60 schools in New York State that was selected to be a "pilot school" for the Seal of Civic Readiness by the New York State Education Department.

The Seal was designed to recognize students who have demonstrated the ability to make a positive difference in the public life of our communities through the combination of civic knowledge, skills, actions, mindsets, and experiences.

The Seal of Civic Readiness is a seal of distinction awarded by the New York State Education Department that students can earn for their high school transcript and diploma, serving as a statement of accomplishment for the students, their families, future employers and college admissions.

Students can earn the required six points for the Seal of Civic Readiness in a variety of ways starting as early as middle school. All 7th grade students at LMS were able to participate in this exciting project during the past few months. Students participated in a civics research project allowing them to analyze various current, real-world issues. Successful completion of the project will allow students to earn one point toward the Seal of Civic Readiness.

For more information about the Seal of Civic Readiness please check out the sections entitled "Seal of Civic Readiness" on the Arlington High School Social Studies Department webpage or email your student's 7th grade Social Studies teacher or Ms. Kathleen Bellino, Arlington High School Social Studies Coordinator, at [kbellino@acsdny.org](mailto:kbellino@acsdny.org) for further information.

Sincerely,

7th Grade Social Studies

*Our mission is to empower all students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who willingly contribute to their community, and lead passionate, purposeful lives.*