

# Senate Bill 636 – Breakdown of Testing Requirements

W.Va. Code 18-2-9

## I. REQUIRED COURSES

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade History of West Virginia
- Middle school basic requirements (6<sup>th</sup> Grade and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

“by the completion of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade”

- History of U.S.
- Civics
- Constitution of the U.S.
- Government of the State of WV

## II. COURSE CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

- Institutions and structure of American government
- Separation of powers
- Electoral College
- Federalism
- Instruction of American political philosophy and history
- Writings of prominent figures of Western civilization
  - Aristotle
  - Thomas Hobbes
  - John Locke
  - Thomas Jefferson
- Objective and critical analysis of ideologies throughout history including but not limited to:
  - Capitalism
  - Republicanism
  - Democracy
  - Socialism
  - Communism
  - Fascism
- Emphasize the use of primary documents and interactive learning techniques
  - Mock scenarios
  - Debates
  - Open and impartial discussions

## III. TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR HISTORY AND CIVICS COURSES

- Aligned to academic standards required by this section [Section II]
- Mandatory for students enrolled in those courses of study [Section I]
- Cumulative by including questions about knowledge learned in prior history and civics courses
- Measure students’ factual and conceptual knowledge