

**Institute for Citizen Empowerment (I.C.E.)
Small Learning Community
West Orange High School**

Program Description

The Institute for Citizen Empowerment (I.C.E.) is a program that makes citizenship the central theme of the education of our students. The Institute for Citizen Empowerment Small Learning Community is designed to help students develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes and experiences to become active and effective citizens in American society.

Program Benefits

Members of this small learning community will:

- develop personalized and on-going relationships with teachers and students who share their interests
- experience a stronger sense of community within our large and diverse student population
- understand past and current issues facing our local, national and global communities
- learn how to take action to address current issues
- experience more hands-on learning opportunities
 - o field trips
 - o action-oriented projects
 - o panel discussions and debates
 - o guest speakers
 - o community service projects

Course Sequence

This Social Studies based small learning community begins with the student's application in his/her freshman or sophomore year, and enrollment in the Institute for Citizen Empowerment in the following year. Students will move as a unit within their I.C.E. classes through their senior year.

Each year, students in the I.C.E. will take 5-10 credits within the small learning community. By the end of their senior year, I.C.E. students will have taken 25-30 credits in the I.C.E. Small Learning Community. The course pairings each year will be as follows.

10th grade	5 credits	US History I - I.C.E. or Honors US History I - I.C.E.
	5 credits	Law: Rights and Responsibilities - I.C.E. elective
11th grade	5 credits	US History II - I.C.E. or Honors US History II - I.C.E. or AP US History
	5 credits	History of Race, Class, Gender and Ethnicity - I.C.E. elective
12th grade	2.5 - 5 credits	Power and Politics - I.C.E. or AP Government and Politics
	2.5 - 5 credits	Social Studies Elective or AP Social Studies course

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Institute for Citizen Empowerment Program Application

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Student Information

Name:	Student ID #:
Current Grade Level:	School Counselor:
Address:	
Home #:	
Student Email:	

Parent/Guardian Name:	Relationship:
Parent/Guardian Phone:	Email:

Current History Class (x)					
Modern World		Honors Modern World		Teacher Name:	
US I		Honors US I		Teacher Name:	

Selection Process:

There are a limited number of places available in the I.C.E. Small Learning Community. If the program cannot accommodate all applicants, selection will be based upon the students' academic record in Social Studies and teacher recommendation.

Statement of Understanding and Commitment

I have read the Program Description and Course Sequence for the Institute for Citizen Empowerment and I wish to enroll for next year.

Student Signature	Date

Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

Application Deadline: Friday, February 2, 2024

If possible, please submit your program application using the digital Google Form.
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mSAsFwb8KX8kj6VpcMjttilJ8VKcFdjNvdQus5WenEA/edit>