US Citizenship

Subject area: Social Studies

Course Length: One Year

Prerequisite: active IEP

Course description:
This is a modified standard course for Special Education students. It is anticipated that these students will participate to the fullest extent possible as documented through the IEP process. This course is designed to introduce students to the United States Government along with Geography. This course involves the story of the United States Constitution and its amendments, the structure of the United States Government and the means by which citizens interact with the government, as well as the rights those different citizens have worked to attain throughout different periods in this country’s history. Upon completion of the course, students will develop the knowledge and skills needed to satisfy the Minnesota Graduation Standard for Social Studies, US Citizenship modified for special education students.

Key Knowledge

1. Examine the US Constitution and Bill of Rights
2. Understand the process of how the US Government functions (federal, state, and local)
3. List citizens rights and responsibilities
4. Explain how individuals participate in government
5. Describe actions of good citizens

Required Assessment:
1. Routine informal and/or formal, ongoing, day-by-day assessments of work completion, participation, and behavior.
2. Performance tasks within textbook or curriculum materials that include workbook assignments, chapter reviews, and chapter tests.
3. Journaling in class notebook
4. Vocabulary in class notebook
Assessment Criteria
For each assessment task the student will be evaluated as having satisfactorily completed the task at a pass individual level through the following criteria:
1. The student demonstrates knowledge of the subject
2. The student displays insight and ability to generalize
3. The student demonstrates an understanding of topics in our daily lives

Materials Used:

United States Government
AGS Publishing

World Geography
AGS Publishing

Daily Newspaper

Other related articles and relevant material related to subject