

5.1 Course Requirements – Constitution, American History, Missouri Government, Civics Policy

The Governing Board of KC International Academy adopts the following policy effective on that date that the policy is adopted by the Board.

- 5.1.1 Seventh and eighth grade curriculum shall include regular courses of instruction in the Constitution of the United States and of the state of Missouri and in American history and institutions. These courses shall begin no later than the seventh grade and continue in high school to an extent determined by the state commissioner of education.
- 5.1.2 Curriculum for grades 9 through 12 shall include a course of instruction in the institutions, branches, and functions of the government of the state of Missouri, including local governments, and of the government of the United States, and in the electoral process. Each pupil who receives a high school diploma or certificate of graduation shall satisfactorily complete such a course of study. Such courses shall be of at least one semester in length and may be two semesters in length. The School may waive the requirements of this subsection for any student who transfers from outside the state to the School if the student can furnish documentation deemed acceptable by the School of the student's successful completion in any year from the ninth through the twelfth grade of a course of instruction in the institutions, branches, and functions of state government, including local governments, and of the government of the United States, and in the electoral process.
- 5.1.3 All American history courses at the School shall include in their proper time-line sequence specific referrals to the details and events of the racial equality movement that have caused major changes in United States and Missouri laws and attitudes.
- 5.1.4 No pupil shall receive a certificate of graduation unless he has satisfactorily passed an examination on the provisions and principles of the Constitution of the United States and of the state of Missouri, and in American history and American institutions, and American civics. The civics portion of the examination shall consist of one hundred questions similar to the one hundred questions used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services administered to applicants for United States citizenship. The civics examination requirement may be waived for any student with a disability if recommended by the student's IEP committee.