



# Building School-Day Civics Into Out-of-School Time Projects

## Checklist

- Meet with school-day instructional staff to learn about current or upcoming civics lessons.
- Obtain your state’s social studies standards or frameworks and familiarize yourself with the document’s civics requirements.
- Obtain civics texts or reading materials used during the school day.
- Participate in ongoing planning and collaboration sessions with school-day teachers.
- Plan civics projects and activities to complement school-day learning.
- Find teachers willing to review civics projects or activity plans.
- Provide teachers, principals and key administration with evidence of civics learning and achievement in afterschool.
- Other:

Use this checklist to gather information about school-day civics lessons. Then plan ways to complement (not replicate) the school-day learning by completing the chart below.

School-Day Lesson	Out-of-School Time Project
Topic: <i>Example: Environmental science lesson on water pollution.</i>	Project Driving Question: <i>Example: How can we identify what might be causing water pollution in the stream next to the school?</i>
Learning Standards Addressed: <i>Example: Identify human-made factors that affect water quality.</i>	Learning Standards Addressed: <i>Example: Walk the neighborhood and construct a map showing potential sources of pollution.</i>
Major classroom lesson or activity: <i>Example: Water-testing experiment to check for pollutants.</i>	Major project tasks or activities: <i>Example: Meet with the local River Keepers group or municipal water safety department to learn about possible actions the group may take to help reduce pollution in waterways; start a River Keepers club.</i>
Assessments (dates and types): <i>Example: Lab report due March 30.</i>	Culminating Event: <i>Example: Plan and hold a community and school education event to inform neighbors about the pollution, gather signatures for a petition in support of stream remediation, and recruit volunteers to participate in regular stream cleanups.</i>

