

## Promotion Benchmarks: Grade 8 Civics and Economics (CE)

No.	Student Performance	POS/SOL
1	Describe democracy and representative government and explain the fundamental principles of the consent of the governed, limited government, rule of law.	2a
2	Describe the duties and responsibilities of citizens and the process by which an individual becomes a citizen of the United States.	3a,c,d
3	Explain the functions and influence of political parties including the campaign process. Describe the role of the Electoral College.	5 a-f
4	Describe the role of mass media, interest groups, and individuals in setting and making public policy.	5c 7c
5	Identify and give examples of First Amendment freedoms.	3b
6	Give examples of due process protections found in the Bill of Rights.	3b
7	Explain the significance of the charters of the Virginia Company of London, the Virginia Declaration of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, and the Constitution of the United States.	2b
8	Demonstrate knowledge of the American constitutional government and describe the relationship between local, state, and federal governments within the federal system.	6a,b,c
9	Explain the structure and powers of the legislative branch of government, including amending the Constitution.	7a
10	Explain the functions and powers of the executive branch of government including the powers of the president.	7b
11	Explain the organization, functions and powers of the judicial branch at the federal and state levels, including the exercise of judicial review, court proceedings in civil and criminal cases, and due process protection.	8 a-d
12	Demonstrate an understanding of how supply and demand affect price.	9a
13	Explain how scarcity, resources, incentives, opportunity cost, price, production, and consumption influence the choices that entrepreneurs make.	9a
14	Compare the similarities and differences among free market, command and mixed economies.	9b
15	Describe the characteristics of the United States economy including free markets, private property, profit, and competition.	9c
16	Describe types of business organizations, financial institutions, and how they interact with consumers (circular flow).	10a,b,c
17	Identify reasons for Virginia and the United States to trade in a global economy.	10d
18	Describe the role of the United States government in the economy including competition, the creation of public goods and services, taxation, and the protections of consumer rights and property rights.	9c 11a-c,e
19	Describe the functions and role of the Federal Reserve System.	11d