

## TEACHER CRITICAL CONTENT NOTES

<b>BENCHMARK</b>
<b>SS.1.CG.2.3</b> <i>Recognize ways citizens can demonstrate patriotism.</i>
<b>BENCHMARK CLARIFICATIONS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Students will discuss appropriate ways to show respect during the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem (e.g., stand at attention, face the flag, pause conversations).</li> <li>■ Students will discuss how to show respect for the American flag (e.g., how to properly display and dispose of the American flag).</li> <li>■ Students will discuss how to demonstrate patriotism during patriotic holidays and observances (e.g., American Founders Month, Celebrate Freedom Week, Constitution Day, Independence Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Medal of Honor Day, Memorial Day, Patriot Day, Veterans Day).</li> </ul>

<b>WHERE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN</b>	
Kindergarten	<p>SS.K.CG.2.3 Define patriotism as the allegiance to one’s country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will identify patriotic holidays or observances (e.g., American Founders Month, Celebrate Freedom Week, Constitution Day, Independence Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Medal of Honor Day, Memorial Day, Patriot Day, Veterans Day).</li> <li>● Students will recognize that the Pledge of Allegiance is an oath that affirms American values and freedom.</li> <li>● Students will identify “I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all” as the Pledge of Allegiance.</li> </ul>
<b>WHERE STUDENTS ARE GOING</b>	
2nd Grade	<p>SS.2.CG.2.3 Explain how citizens demonstrate patriotism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will explain why reciting the Pledge of Allegiance daily is an act of patriotism.</li> <li>● Students will explain the importance of recognizing patriotic holidays or observances (e.g., American Founders Month, Celebrate Freedom Week, Constitution Day, Independence Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Medal of Honor Day, Memorial Day, Patriot Day, Veterans Day).</li> </ul>

## TIMING/PACING NOTES

- Every benchmark clarification does not need to be taught at the same time. They may be broken up and taught over the course of the school year.
- Addressing and discussing appropriate ways to show respect for the American flag and during the Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem may start at the beginning of the school year as the teacher establishes routines and may be reinforced as needed in later instructional units.
- As each holiday/observance occurs, teachers may use a mini-lesson about their significance and connect to ways citizens demonstrate patriotism. All holidays and observances listed in the benchmark are expected to be addressed per Florida state statute.

## UNDERSTANDING THE BENCHMARK

- What to know:
  - ◆ Discuss can mean: describe, compare, restate, list, or identify
  - ◆ Patriotism is defined as love and respect for and devotion to one's country
  - ◆ Appropriate behavior to display during the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance comes from United States code law and Florida state statute (see content background knowledge section below)
- Main concepts to teach:
  - ◆ How to show respect during the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem
  - ◆ How to care for and respect the American flag
  - ◆ The definition/concept of patriotism
  - ◆ How to demonstrate patriotism during patriotic holidays and observances (as this is repeated every school year, First Grade moves beyond recognizing the existence and general reason for each holiday/observance to making a connection to patriotism)
- Examples:
  - ◆ Flag etiquette
    - National mourning requires half-mast, illuminated at night, taken care of during inclement weather, how to fold it, where it can hang, do not hang if tattered, etc.
  - ◆ Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem etiquette
    - Stand at attention, face the flag, pause conversations, remove hats, etc.
  - ◆ Holidays/Observances
    - Examples provided in the benchmark
    - Additional holidays/observances: Labor Day, Hispanic Heritage Month, Holocaust Education Week, Thanksgiving Day, Election Day, Victims of Communism Day, Bill of Rights Day, Black History Month, Women's History Month, Financial Literacy Month, Armed Forces Week, Florida Emancipation Day, Pascua Florida Day

## CONTENT BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Information on the holidays/observances:

1. [Archives: Patriotic Holidays](#)
2. [Florida DOE: American Founders Month & Celebrate Freedom Week](#)
3. [Florida DOE: Constitution Day](#)
4. [Florida DOE: Medal of Honor Day](#)
5. [Florida DOE: Patriots Day](#)

Information on the history and significance of the Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem:

1. [Smithsonian: Star-Spangled Banner](#)
2. [Kids Britannica: Pledge of Allegiance](#)
3. [Britannica: Pledge of Allegiance](#)

Information on the care and display of the American flag:

1. [USA: Flag Care](#)
2. [Half Staff: American Flag](#)

Information on laws and statutes regarding the Pledge and Allegiance/National Anthem recitation and etiquette:

1. [Florida State Statute 1003.44: Patriotic Programs](#)
2. [Florida State Statute 1003.42: Required Instruction](#)
3. [United States Code, 2006 Edition, Supplement 5, Title 4 - FLAG AND SEAL, SEAT OF GOVERNMENT, AND THE STATES](#)