

Golden Hills Community School Lesson Plan
October/November 2023

Goals

Day One, October 24

Overview of Work of the League; Introduce vocabulary interaction activities and expected outcome of writing and/or public speaking contest at culminating activity.

Political Knowledge

Understand levels of government with focus on local government structure and leaders including the duties and responsibilities of citizens to build communities: (Slide presentation: GH Lesson 1)

Students to learn what is a public policy and how good public policies impact individual day-to-day life experiences. (Slide presentation: Common Good)

Students to learn how-to practices and rules for communicating and engaging with elected and appointed officials. (Slide presentation: Critical Thinking Skills)

Interaction Activity: Students to learn how to find who represents them on city council and school board; decide on 2 issues, one for city council and one for school board to advocate for with guest school board and city council members.

Vocabulary activity

Day Two: School Board and Common Good Policies, October 26

View Sunshine Laws video.

Students to learn how to find out government and board meeting dates, and what issues are being addressed (Agenda)

Presentations from guest speakers.

Interaction Activity: Students to ask questions and/or comment on selected school-board issue that impacts them using learned protocols and rules for civil engagement in public government or board meetings.

Vocabulary activity

Invited Guest School Board Members: from Fairfield—Ana Petero; Vacaville—Michael Kitzes

Day Three: City Council and Common Good Policies, October 31

Students learn how to access league and other tools that help citizens fulfill citizenship responsibilities; what is advocacy and why it matters.

Presentation from guest city council members

Interaction Activity: Students ask questions and/or comment on selected city council issue that impacts them using practices and rules of civil engagement with elected and appointed leaders in public government or board meetings.

Vocabulary activity

Invited Guest City Council Representatives: from Suisun City, Princess Washington; from Vacaville, Dr. Sarah Chapman and Michael Silva

Day Four: Voting, November 2

Students to learn all about voting and the voting process.

Interaction Activity: Training on how to use Voting equipment and technology.

Invited Guest: Asst. Solano County Registrar of Voters, John Gardner, and Team.

Day Five: Culminating Exercise, November 15

Guest Speaker Presentations: Mayor of Suisun City, Alma Hernandez; Vice Mayor of Vacaville, Jeanette Wylie, and Solano School Superintendent, Lisette Estrelle-Henderson

Interaction Activity: Contest presentations.

Winners selected by Guest Speakers.
