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### **SECRETARY KOBACH LAUNCHES CIVICS COMPLETION PROGRAM**

TOPEKA (January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016) - One of Kansas Secretary of State Kris W. Kobach's greatest passions is civics education, a discipline that encapsulates the history, design, achievements, and responsibilities of government, both on a national and local level. This passion is what prompted the Secretary of State's Office to launch the Kansas CyberCivics website in 2012.

This educational website, located at [www.civics.ks.gov](http://www.civics.ks.gov), is a comprehensive and accessible resource for everyone with a desire to begin or improve their civic knowledge. Topics include Kansas history and statehood, geography, government, famous Kansans, and much more. Each of the sections of the CyberCivics website conclude with an online quiz to check your knowledge of what you've learned and serves as an excellent supplement to any curriculum.

That's why we are so excited to launch the Kansas Secretary of State's CyberCivics Completion Program! This program is available for students throughout Kansas who complete the CyberCivics curriculum and score a 90% or higher on the Comprehensive Exam. Students who complete the entire curriculum and score a 90% or higher on the Comprehensive Exam will be recognized by the Secretary of State's Office with a Certificate of Achievement recognizing their accomplishment! At your request, the certificate can be presented to the student by the Secretary, or a member of his staff, right in your classroom!

#### **How Can My Student Participate?**

Any home, public or private school student between the ages of 10 and 14 is eligible to participate with their primary educator's sponsorship.

The student must complete each section of the CyberCivics Curriculum located at [www.civics.ks.gov](http://www.civics.ks.gov). Upon completion of the entire curriculum, the student will print and take the comprehensive exam. This exam should be proctored by the student's sponsor and taken without any external resources; this means no notes, no peaking at the website, and no help from others!

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Upon completion of the exam, the student's sponsor will need to scan and email the answer sheet to [media@sos.ks.gov](mailto:media@sos.ks.gov). We will contact you as soon as possible with the results of the exam and schedule a time to present the certificates to your qualifying students.

## **CyberCivics Completion Program Questions and Answers**

### **How do I sponsor a student?**

Any parent or teacher can sponsor their students. As a sponsor you agree to proctor the comprehensive exam and submit the student's answer key. The student shall receive two hours to take the exam and are not allowed to use notes or receive help on the exam. Please call (785) 296-4580 if you have any questions regarding sponsoring your student.

### **How many times can my student take the exam?**

The student may attempt the exam as many times as their primary educator wishes to conduct it but only one certificate will be issued per child.

### **Who will grade the exam?**

The Secretary of State's Director of Public Affairs has volunteered to grade the examinations. Grading will be done on evenings and weekends so please allow two to four weeks to receive the scores.

### **What if my school isn't able to have a presentation ceremony?**

The certificates will be mailed or delivered to the school so the students receive their certificates.

### **What if my teacher will not sponsor me or conduct the exam?**

Contact [media@sos.ks.gov](mailto:media@sos.ks.gov) and we will ensure all students who are eligible to participate have the opportunity.

### **Does the CyberCivics Curriculum have to be conducted in class?**

No. This program is an extracurricular activity. The Secretary of State understands the demands of the classroom and does not wish to interfere with the standard curriculum however; the Comprehensive Exam should be proctored.

### **What if I don't have access to a computer or the internet at home?**

You must have access to the internet to conduct the CyberCivics lessons. Many public libraries and schools offer free access to computers and the internet; if you cannot access any of these resources please contact [media@sos.ks.gov](mailto:media@sos.ks.gov).

### **How long does my student have to complete the curriculum?**

Students have until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to complete the curriculum and take the comprehensive exam. No exams will be accepted after April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

### **How long does my student have to complete the exam?**

Students should complete the exam in two hours or less.