**CIVICS, CITIZENSHIP & COMMUNITIES PATHWAY**

The Civics, Citizenship, and Communities Pathway is dedicated to educating student to be competent citizens who understand the rights and responsibilities of individuals in their community at the local, state, national, and international level. Within the Pathway, students will examine the various communities that make up Lowell and the United States, in order to probe the voice, contributions, and responsibilities of citizens in the 21st century. By providing students with challenging, thought-provoking courses grounded in the humanities and the social sciences, students will be prepared to pursue academic and professional goals in the fields of social services, community advocacy, conflict resolution, law, and education. Using a curriculum that adheres to state and national standards – and emphasizes issues of moral and responsible citizenship – students within the CCC Pathway will be prepared to participate in all aspects of our civic democratic structures. Pathway students will have requirements to fulfill each semester of their junior and senior year. During their senior year, students in the CCC Pathway will participate in a senior seminar and an internship, designed to prepare students for college, careers, and active citizenship.

* The CCC Pathway strives to provide a respectful learning community that allows students to realize their potential as compassionate and knowledgeable citizens who impact and support communities both locally and globally.
* The CCC Pathway nurtures the following critical skills in students before graduation:
	+ Enhanced critical thinking, literacy, research, and technological skills;
	+ Deep awareness of local, national, and global issues and cultural diversity;
	+ Understanding of the complexity of social action and reaction;
	+ Recognition of the consequences of individual choice in society; and,
	+ The ability to apply coursework to real life experiences in the community.

CIVICS, CITIZENSHIP & COMMUNITIES PATHWAY COURSES:

Required Courses:

Grade 11:

4226 American Civics Past and Present – Honors (semester 1)
4563 The City of Lowel: Industrialization and Immigration – Honors

Grade 12:

 4570 Seminar on American Diversity - Honors
 4571 Internship and Capstone Project in CCC – Honors

Recommended Electives:

 0542 Race and Ethnicity and the Written Word – Honors
 0544 Literature of the Holocaust – Honors
 4371 Education in American – Honors
 4431 or 4435 Introduction to Sociology – H or DE (MCC)
 4524 Cambodia: Culture and Conflict – Honors
 4513 Topics in Facing History and Ourselves – Honors
 4541/4542 Political Science – Honors
 4566 Gender and Identity – Honors

**\*All Pathway students must earn a minimum of 10 credits in the Civics, Citizenship, and Communities Pathway courses to receive the designation of Civics, Citizenship, and Communities Concentration status on the student’s final transcript.**