STANDARD CE.5e

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the political process at the local, state, and national levels of government by

e) describing voter registration and participation.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Voting is a basic responsibility of citizenship. Voter registration is required before a citizen may vote. The number of citizens who register and vote is related to how important election issues are to citizens.	What are the qualifications for voter registration in Virginia? What factors influence voter registration and turnout?	Only citizens who register may participate in primary and general elections. Qualifications to register to vote in Virginia Citizen of the United States Resident of Virginia and precinct At least 18 years of age by day of general election How to register to vote in Virginia In person at the registrar's office, at the Division of Motor Vehicles, or at other designated sites By mail-in application Register Online Voter registration is closed 22 days before elections. Factors in predicting which citizens will vote Education Age Income Reasons why citizens fail to vote Lack of interest Failure to register The percentage of voters who participate in presidential elections is usually greater than the percentage of voters who participate in state and local elections. Every vote is important. †Revised August 2014	Examine and interpret primary and secondary source documents. (CE.1a) Create and explain maps, diagrams, tables, charts, graphs, and spreadsheets. (CE.1b) Analyze political cartoons, political advertisements, pictures, and other graphic media. (CE.1c) Identify a problem, weigh the expected costs and benefits and possible consequences of proposed solutions, and recommend solutions, using a decision-making model. (CE.1f)