



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

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SUBJECT: Connecticut Certificate of Global Engagement Guidelines

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At the May 2018 Connecticut State Board of Education (Board) meeting, the Board approved the Connecticut Certificate of Global Engagement Guidelines for voluntary use by interested school districts. The Connecticut Certificate of Global Engagement Guidelines were developed through a collaborative effort of a variety of stakeholders including representatives from Connecticut school districts, the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE), the Connecticut Council for the Social Studies, the Connecticut Council of Language Teachers, the International Education Committee of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS), the Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs), and the World Affairs Council of Connecticut.

The Connecticut Certificate of Global Engagement Guidelines were created to assist Connecticut (CT) districts and high schools in establishing a program to recognize high school graduates who have successfully completed a global education curriculum and engaged in co-curricular activities and experiences that foster the development of global competencies and global citizenship. Students receiving a Certificate of Global Engagement will need to demonstrate that they have mastered critical global competencies. During the 2017-18 school year, nine (9) districts piloted the guidelines and provided feedback to the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and the Board.

We are pleased to open this program to all high schools and districts in CT. The Connecticut Certificate of Global Engagement Guidelines do not require districts to allocate additional funds or resources for program or curricular development as students can be recognized for the work they are doing in the context of existing curriculum and extracurricular programs. The guidelines recognize that districts have different courses and many different extracurricular clubs and opportunities.

The Connecticut Certificate of Global Engagement Guidelines are posted on the CSDE's Web site on the [Social Studies Frameworks and Resources page](#). If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Armstrong, Education Consultant, at 860-713-6706 or e-mail at Stephen.Armstrong@ct.gov.

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