



A New Platform for Civic Learning

Teaching data literacy and good citizenship, and showing the world what students can do.

The Civic Atlas gives Massachusetts students a platform to document and share their civics projects publicly. We are creating the state's largest repository of student civic action, capturing what young people are doing to strengthen their communities and teaching them to work with real data.

WHAT THE CIVIC ATLAS DOES

A home for every civics project in Massachusetts

Every mandated civics project from every district can be entered into The Civic Atlas. For the first time, this work will be preserved, searchable, and visible to the public rather than disappearing into a classroom folder.

A public showcase that proves students' impact

Families, policymakers, and community members can browse the Atlas by town or region, school district, or issue. They can see environmental advocacy, housing access campaigns, and many more student-led efforts — with data!

A curriculum that makes data literacy real

Students collect and enter actual data — survey results, public records, their own observations. The Civic Atlas curriculum teaches them how to gather, evaluate, and present evidence. These are the skills that make participation in democracy meaningful.

A tool for cross-district connection and scale

When students in Boston and students in Gloucester are both working on a similar issue, the Atlas lets them find each other. Ideas spread. Projects get stronger. Civic action reaches further.

WHY THIS INITIATIVE MATTERS

The mandate exists. The platform didn't.

Massachusetts law requires civics projects. But until now, there was no statewide system to collect, preserve, or celebrate that work. The Civic Atlas fills that gap.

Data literacy is a citizenship skill.

By requiring students to document their projects with real data, the Atlas turns every civics requirement into a data literacy lesson.

Visibility changes everything.

When student civic work becomes public, it carries weight. A documented, data-backed project gets taken seriously by school boards, city councils, and state officials.

The largest students' civic repository.

Over time, the Atlas becomes the definitive public record of student civic engagement. A searchable, growing archive that shows the impact of what young citizens are doing.

Students learn to interpret and communicate data responsibly, using evidence to tell accurate and meaningful stories about their communities.

Visit thecivicatlas.org to learn about this civic education and data literacy initiative!

