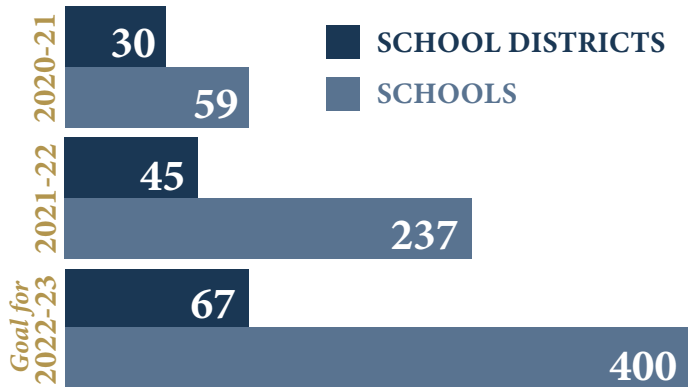


# PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

## LAUNCHED FLORIDA'S CIVIC LITERACY EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE

- ✓ Created the Civics Seal of Excellence endorsement for teachers who go above and beyond to learn about the principles that make our country great, and teach those principles in the classroom. The first 20,000 teachers completing the program will receive a \$3,000 bonus.
- ✓ Established regional civics coaches and in-person teacher trainings to ensure every teacher has access to high-quality education about civics.
- ✓ 88% of the 2,100 educators who attended the 2022 in-person Civics Professional Learning Series, said the sessions enhanced their civics content knowledge.
- ✓ 4,500 teachers have completed the Civics Seal of Excellence endorsement program and received a bonus while an additional 15,500 teachers are currently enrolled in the course and 14,102 teachers are on the waitlist.

## FLORIDA CIVICS AND DEBATE INITIATIVE EXPANSION



IN 2022, ACROSS THE BOARD, STUDENT CIVIC LITERACY IMPROVED YEAR-OVER-YEAR, WITH 69% OF STUDENTS SHOWING PROFICIENCY IN END OF COURSE EXAMS, UP 5% FROM 2021.

## STRENGTHENING CIVICS & DEBATE

- ✓ Launched the Florida Civics and Debate Initiative to elevate civic knowledge, civic skills and civic disposition for middle and high school students.
- ✓ Established the Florida Civic Literacy Exam to ensure as students graduate from high school, they put their knowledge of civics to the test – students with passing scores get a waiver from the postsecondary civic literacy requirement.
- ✓ Required students in Florida's state colleges and universities to demonstrate civic literacy.

## EXPANDING REQUIRED INSTRUCTION

- ✓ Included the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots in the required instruction on African-American history.
- ✓ Required Holocaust education, including instruction concerning anti-Semitism, and designated the second week in November as "Holocaust Education Week".

## TEACHING THE DANGERS OF COMMUNISM

- ✓ Created the Portraits in Patriotism video series for schools. This program features interviews with those who have escaped communism and can discuss their appreciation for freedom.
- ✓ Recognized November 7 as Victims of Communism Day.