

## EL/Civics Lesson Plans FY2012

In the EL/Civics grants, you agreed to the following requirements:

- *Programs will develop civics instruction around a predetermined list of Civics Objectives. The civics categories are: (I) Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship (II) Civic Participation (III) U.S. History and Government / Citizenship Preparation. There are a variety of Civics Objectives under each category.*
- *Develop, at a minimum, three (3) lesson plans to be used throughout the program year using a variety of Civics Objectives. Use the Lesson Plan Template provided.*

The idea behind collecting a bank of lessons was to share authentic, stand alone lessons with other teachers for the purpose of having lessons ready to download from a central location and use immediately in the classroom. Keep in mind, all of the materials that the teacher used to implement the lesson will also be necessary for another teacher to use the lesson. Therefore, all handouts and materials should be included when the lesson plan is submitted.

The Lesson Plans are due by July 31, 2012. **This year we are asking that you submit lessons quarterly or at least half by February.** Please submit the lesson plans electronically to the Northeast ABLE Resource Center at [info@neable.org](mailto:info@neable.org).

### **Guidelines for creating EL/Civics lesson plans**

Teachers should follow the guidelines below when creating their lesson plans. Examples of complete lessons are housed on the Northeast ABLE Resource Center at [www.neable.org/esol/el-civics/el-civics-lesson-plans](http://www.neable.org/esol/el-civics/el-civics-lesson-plans). They are organized according to a Civics Category and Objective, which each plan must be developed around. The Civics Objectives as well as the Lesson Plan template that OBR asks you to use are both on the website at [www.neable.org/esol/el-civics/el-civics-information-and-resources](http://www.neable.org/esol/el-civics/el-civics-information-and-resources).

Lesson plans must:

- Be developed around the Civics Objectives – copy the standards verbatim
- Use the template provided by OBR – with each box completed
- Be submitted electronically to [info@neable.org](mailto:info@neable.org)
- Stand alone - can be immediately used in another teacher's classroom
- Be authentic – not from a textbook, unless every program has a copy
- Include teacher-made handouts - or another teacher cannot implement
- Have materials that are reproducible – it is illegal to copy copyright text
- Cite website addresses (URL) that the plan requires or references
- Not contain area specific activities – visiting the *Akron* Zoo vs. any zoo

The Northeast ABLE Resource Center is happy to offer more assistance and formal training for teachers on creating authentic lesson plans. Please contact us with your needs – (800) 361-7076 or [info@neable.org](mailto:info@neable.org).

Please note: Only lesson plans meeting the guidelines above will be accepted.