



## Public Policy



## Badge Overview

Gain the knowledge you need to speak up about and act on issues that are crucial in your world. When you've earned this badge, you'll know about public policies and how you can advocate for issues and legislation that matter to you.

### Badge Components Part 1

#### 1. Find out how activists advocate for change

Activism is a way for people to advocate for issues that they care about that they believe will make a greater positive impact on society. Find a female activist of interest to you and dive a little deeper into the work that she has done.

- What is the issue that she advocates for?
- What challenges does she face?
- What kind of impact has she made and on what scale?

#### 2. Engage as a global citizen

There are organizations around the world who work to drive change in international policies. Pick an international NGO (non-governmental organization) to dive deeper into.

- What does this NGO support?
- What is their mission?
- Have they been successful in creating positive change around the world?
- What challenges do you think these organizations run into while carrying out their mission?

#### 3. Dig into national or state public policy

In the United States, states have individual power to create and implement their own policies and laws.

- Compare how 3 different states handle an issue. This could be age requirements for driving and permits, laws about how businesses can function on Sundays, or whatever you want to look into!

#### 4. Explore local or community policy

Dive into your local government! Look into the structure of your town/county.

- How is the government structured?
- What is everyone's role in the system?
- What is the process of the government reviewing policy changes and adopting them?

#### 4. See public policy creation in action

Filibusters are strategic actions that congressionals can use to advocate for issues to be passed or to keep them from being passed.

- Watch this [video](#) to find out what a filibuster is and its role in our law making process.
- BONUS!** - After you learned about filibusters, research and find one that interests you and watch a bit of it. What was the law maker trying to do? What tactics did they use to make the filibuster last longer? Was it successful?

### Materials

- Something to write with
- Something to write on
- Access to internet

### Florida Educational Standards

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