



# Project Citizen Portfolio Criteria Checklist

Each portfolio section will receive a score of 1 to 10 (1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest)

## 1: Explanation of the Problem

### Expectations

- Explains the problem, presents evidence of the problem, and names the problem's causes
- Demonstrates an understanding of issues involved in the problem
- Demonstrates an understanding of existing or proposed public policies that address the problem
- Explains disagreements about the problem that exist in the community
- Explains why government should be involved in the solution to the problem
- Presents mutually supporting information in the display, annotated bibliography, documentation binder, or digital format

## 2: Analysis of Alternative Problems

### Expectations

- Presents two or three alternative public policies to address the problem
- Explains advantages and disadvantages of each alternative policy presented
- Identifies controversies and conflicts that may need to be addressed for each alternative
- Presents mutually supporting information in the display, annotated bibliography, documentation binder, or digital format

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### 3: Public Policy Development and Persuasiveness

#### Expectations

- States a public policy that addresses the problem and identifies the government branch or agency responsible for enacting the proposed public policy
- Supports the proposed public policy with sound reasoning and evidence
- Identifies and explains advantages and disadvantages of the proposed public policy
- Explains the reasons why the proposed public policy is constitutional
- Presents mutually supporting information in the display, annotated bibliography, documentation binder, or digital format

### 4: Implementation of an Engagement Plan

#### Expectations

- Identifies individuals and groups, both supporters and opponents, who will need to be influenced
- Identifies government officials, both supporters and opponents, who will need to be influenced
- Outlines and explains an action process for getting the proposed public policy enacted
- Proposes action that builds and expands on evidence presented in previous panels
- Presents mutually supporting information in the display, annotated bibliography, documentation binder, or digital format

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## Overall

### Expectations

- Presents mutually supportive material in the display, annotated bibliography, documentation binder, or digital format
- Constructs a clear and convincing sequence from one section of the portfolio to the next
- Uses and documents research from multiple sources and provides appropriate citation for the sources and evidence used
- Uses standards of good writing
- Uses relevant and appropriate graphics and written information
- Is visually appealing
- Includes evidence of student reflection stating what students have learned