

Citizenship

Has your English Language Learner requested assistance for Citizenship studies? Before you access the materials and get started on this exciting and tangible goal, please never directly advise your learners to get citizenship. The process is very complex and often there can be extenuating circumstances that can potentially jeopardize a learner's residency status. Please consider the following steps before launching into Citizenship studies.

Step One: To determine eligibility, encourage your learner to consult an immigration lawyer or go to the Northwest Immigration Rights Project website to obtain up-to-date information and speak with qualified lawyers who are best able to address any potential roadblocks and concerns. (NWIRP is a very busy, non-profit agency that provides free services, so please be prepared to wait three months for a direct response.)
Northwest Immigration Rights Project: 1-800-445-5771 or www.nwirp.org

Step Two (Study Materials): Once a learner determines that he/she is ready to work toward attainment of American Citizenship, tutors can access the USCIS website which is www.uscis.gov/citizenship

At the USCIS *Citizenship Resource Center* you will be able to access study materials such as the 100 civics questions, flashcards, word lists and even video that describes the process of obtaining citizenship including footage of a mock interview and highlights from the naturalization test.

There are other online sites. However, please be cautious, as many of those sites charge for outdated materials and advice.

The following print series for citizenship preparation is available from WLC library or Whatcom County Library System:

Citizenship: Passing the Test

- *Ready for the Interview*
- *Civics and Literacy*
- *Literacy Skills*

Citizenship Classes:

- **Goodwill Education Center Citizenship Test Prep** - If your learner is interested in classes, please contact Goodwill at Sunset Square at 738-0483 or www.seattlegoodwill.org
- **Community to Community Citizenship Preparation Class** – for information call Community to Community at 738-0893 or Citizenship Class Coordinator Caroline Correa at 647-1232