

PBL: Create a Policy – FIRST STEPS

High School Policy: Per the TN Board of Education Section 5, Part E (paraphrase): *All students must complete a project-based learning assessment in civics. The PBL must allow students to demonstrate understanding and relevance of public policy, the structure of federal, state, and local governments and both the TN and U.S. Constitutions.*

1. Create a group of UP TO 4
2. Pick one of the following questions to address:
 - a. What law would you like the state of Tennessee to pass?
 - i. If you pick a state law to make, what would your law do/be about?
 - b. What changes would you like to see at Portland High School?
 - i. If you pick a change/policy for PHS, what would it be specifically?
3. Discuss with Mrs. H for her approval
 - a. Must be a **state** issue or a school policy
 - b. First come, first serve
 - c. No repeats
4. Discuss the specifics of your bill (what will it do?)

Examples of Community Issues/Solutions	
State of Tennessee	Examples of School Policies/Changes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abortion • Minimum Wage • Taxes • Foster care/state custody • Welfare (Medicare, Medicaid, etc.) • Death penalty • Firearms • Paid parental leave • More widely available preK education • Driving requirements • Portland/County issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Getting more businesses ○ Parks & recreation ○ Sewage, streets, snow removal • Narcotics crisis • Legalization of marijuana 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more ACT or EOC testing • Arming teachers with firearms • Other safety concerns • Consequences for behavior (i.e., bullying, disrespect, etc.) • Class sizes • Increase teacher pay • Graduation requirements • Class ideas • Cell phone policy • Dress code • Charter schools • Free college/technical school • Scholarships

If none of these are of interest to you, scan this QR code or see Mrs. H

