

To access online lessons aligned to the NCSCOS, take the following steps:

1. Go to www.civics.org
2. Click on “**Database of Civic Resources**” at the top of the page.
3. An introductory page to the database will open. From this page, click “**Enter the Database.**”
4. Click on “**Schools.**”
5. Click on “**Lessons.**”
6. Select your **curriculum** (i.e. Social Studies)
7. Select your **grade** (i.e. 8th grade)
8. Select your **course** (i.e. North Carolina Creation & Development of the State)
9. Select the **competency goal** you are seeking, or select “**All**” to search all lessons available for the course selected.
10. Click “**Search Lessons**”
11. Titles of lessons available will populate in the box on the right. To access a lesson, simply click on the title you would like to explore. The lesson will most often open in a PDF file. You can also save the lesson to your computer.
 - Other than the PDF lesson and activity files, there are also several power point presentations available in the Database. When clicking on these titles, the PPT file will open automatically. Some school district browser settings do not allow PPT pop-ups to open. Should you have trouble accessing such files, e-mail a request for an electronic copy to hinson@sog.unc.edu or call (919) 962-8389.

***Note:** If you are searching by competency goal and would like to search a new competency goal number, you do not need to repeat all of the steps above. Simply change the competency goal number in the search box and re-select “Search Lessons.” Lessons that are aligned to multiple goals will reappear under each goal.

To access activities on various topics, take the following steps:

1. Repeat steps 1 – 4 from above.
2. Click on “**Activities.**”
3. Select a **topic** you would like to search (i.e. “elections & voting”, “classroom management,” etc.; *currently, only one topic can be searched at a time.*)
4. Select the **grade** you are seeking. (If you do not want to narrow activities by grade, you can leave the box blank and click “Search Activities”.)
5. Click “**Search Activities.**”
6. Titles of activities available under that topic will populate in the box on the right. To access an activity, simply click on the title you would like to explore. The activity will open in a PDF file. You can also save the activity to your computer.

Note: The database is constantly being expanded. If you find only a few lessons under your topic, check back in the future, or contact hinson@sog.unc.edu to make a request.

If you are seeking a lesson or activity on a particular topic that you don't find in the database, contact Christie Hinson at hinson@sog.unc.edu or (919) 962-8389.