To provide reminders and updates to Middle School and K-8 Center Principals/Assistant Principals about the 7th grade Civics EOC Assessment.

- The Department of Social Sciences encourages all Middle School and K-8 Center Principals and Assistant Principals to review the following reminders and updates regarding the 7th grade Civics End of Course Assessment.
- The required course for 7th grade students for Social Science credit is Civics.
- As stated in the 2014-15 student progression plan, still applicable to the 2015-16 academic year:
  - “Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, each student’s performance on the statewide standardized EOC assessment in civics education, required under s. 1008.22, constitutes 30 percent of the student’s final course grade. In 2014, HB 7031 amended 1003.4156, F.S., indicating that a middle grades student who transfers into the state’s public school system from out-of-country, out-of-state, a private school or a home education program after the beginning of the second term of eighth grade is not required to meet the Civics education requirement for promotion if the student's transcript documents passage of three courses in social studies or two year-long courses in social studies that include coverage of Civics education. If this is not the case, the student must be immediately enrolled in Civics, participate in the Civics EOC and the results of the EOC must constitute 30 percent of the course grade.”
- Only the following course codes are to be used for 7th grade Civics. All students enrolled in the following courses must take the 7th grade Civics EOC Assessment:
  - 210601001 M/J Civics
  - 2106010RC M/J Civics (M/J Course Credit Recovery)
  - 210601601 M/J Civics & Career Planning
  - 210602001 M/J Civics, Advanced
  - 210602002 M/J Civics, Advanced, Gifted
  - 210602601 M/J Civics, Advanced & Career Planning
  - 210602602 M/J Civics, Advanced, and Career Planning, Gifted
  - 210602701 M/J International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program Civics Advanced
- Students’ Civics EOC Assessment scores are presented in terms of scaled scores, which can range from 325 to 475, and Achievement Levels, which range from 1 (low) to 5 (high). Students who receive a 1 or 2 are not considered proficient and students who receive a 3, 4, or 5 are considered proficient and therefore “pass” the Civics EOC Assessment.
- Please see briefing number 16620 published by the Assessment, Research, and Data Analysis Department regarding calculation of students’ final grades once EOC Assessment scores are released as well as the attached document “How will the End of Course Assessment results affect my final grade in the course?” for further information.
- Results of students’ performance on the Civics EOC Assessment also make up 100 points of the school accountability grade. For example, if 65% of X school’s students score a proficient score (3-5), X school receives 65 out of the 100 accountability points.
- As a reminder, 7th grade Civics teachers are highly encouraged to closely follow the 7th grade Civics pacing guides and Civics timeline to ensure instruction is delivered in a rigorous, timely manner and assessed content is strongly emphasized. For pacing guide details and a multitude of instructional resources, including the use of technology supporting best and rigorous instructional practices, please see the Department of Social Sciences’ website: http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net.
- If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net or see the contact information below.