

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS: Social Studies- Civic Engagement Initiative Workshop
Category: For Your Information

Audience: Principals/APs (Elementary), Principals/APs (Middle), All Teachers

Due Date: Sep 10, 2010

Meeting Date: Sep 24, 2010

Attachment(s): [Civic Engagement Initiative WORKSHOP application2010-11.pdf](#)

The Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills will be implementing the Civic Engagement Initiative in select elementary/middle schools during the 2010-2011 school year. The purpose of the program is to promote civic participation among students.

- The **Civic Engagement Initiative** utilizes quality civic education curricula and teaching strategies to help prevent students from becoming involved in anti-social or violent activities.
- The program focuses on respect for authority and the law, tolerance for the ideas of others, and civic virtue. The program is limited to 4th and 5th grade elementary teachers and 6th, 7th, and 8th grade social studies teachers.
- All curricular materials will be provided free of charge to schools.
- Participants are required to attend 8 teacher training workshops on Saturdays throughout the 2010-11 school year. The dates for the workshops are: 9/24/10 (Friday- substitute coverage will be provided on this date), 9/25/10, 10/16/10, 11/13/10, 12/11/10, 1/8/11, 2/12/11, and 3/5/11.
- Teachers **must attend** all 8 workshops and complete all the required work in order to receive the 32 Master Plan Points that will be awarded with this program.
- Teachers selected to participate in the program must agree to provide between 60-80 hours of instruction, using the program's curricular materials, throughout the 2010-11 school year.
- Dates for the initial two-day training are September 24-25, 2010. Location: Miami-Dade College North Campus, 11380 NW 27 Avenue, Rooms A 102-103 in the Science Building. Teachers must complete the attached application and send it via FAX to 305 995-1492 by September 10, 2010.
- Teachers selected to participate in the Civic Engagement Initiative will be **notified** by e-mail no later than Tuesday, September 14, 2010.
- Teachers selected to participate in the Civic Engagement Initiative will receive a \$100.00 stipend for each Saturday workshop attended.
- In addition, participants will have the opportunity to earn an additional \$100.00 if they complete the two culminating activities associated with the program (further information will be provided on the first training date).
- Upon acceptance, teachers will be **required to register** through the Professional Development Menu and Registration System in order to obtain full Master Plan Points.
- **Only teachers notified of their approved participation will be admitted to the two-day workshop.**
- **Workshop logistics in terms of substitute coverage and parking information will be forwarded to accepted participants on the 14th of September, 2010.**

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