

TO: ALL ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS/APS: Civic Integration Lesson Plans for Grades 3 and 4
Category: For Your Information

Audience: Principals/APs (Elementary)

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

To promote the use of newly developed Civics lesson plans to support instruction of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards Civics Benchmarks in grades 3 and 4.

- On May 11, 2010, CS/HB 105 was signed into law by then Governor Charlie Crist.
- The main components of this law require that all middle school students take at least one semester of Civics in middle school. M-DCPS is in compliance with this requirement due to the required year-long Civics course at the 7th grade in all M-DCPS middle schools and K-8 Centers.
- Additional important aspects of this legislation include the following: During school year 2012-2013 all students enrolled in middle school Civics will take an end of year course assessment and results of said assessment will be used to determine 30% of the student's grade in the course. This would apply to current school year 2010-2011 4th graders when they reach 7th grade.
- During school year 2013-2014, all students enrolled in middle school Civics will take an end of year course assessment and results of said assessment will be used to determine if students receive credit for the course. This would apply to current school year 2010-2011 3rd graders when they reach 7th grade.
- As a result of the requirements outlined in CS/HB 105, the Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills has developed lesson plans to support instruction aligned to the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards Civics Benchmarks in grades 3 and 4 to assist teachers and students in preparing for the upcoming Civics End of Course Exams at the middle school level.
- For each Civics benchmark in the grades 3 and 4, a complete stand alone lesson with a detailed lesson plan on how to deliver instruction, a reading related to the benchmark, all attachments/handouts to support instruction, a post-quiz to assess student mastery of said benchmark complete with low, moderate, and high difficulty level questions, and a blueprint of the benchmarks assessed by using the quiz, is available.
- In addition, pre-post tests are available through Edusoft titled Pre-Post Test Grade 3 Civics Integration and Pre-Post Test Grade 4 Civics Integration, which teachers may access in order to conduct a pre-test assessment prior to beginning instruction of Civics benchmarks and assess student progress at the conclusion of instruction of Civics benchmarks appropriate for grade levels 3 and 4.
- All lesson plans can be downloaded from the Division and Social Sciences Website under the title: Civics Integration Lesson Plans for Elementary Schools, <http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net>. You may also log into Edusoft to access the larger pre-post test to be used prior instruction and after instruction of all Civics lessons associated with grades 3 or 4.
- Lesson plans and pre-post tests that support Civics Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for grades 5 and 6 are in the process of being edited and will be posted in the same section of the website when finished.
- If you need additional information regarding these lesson plans, please email rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net or see the contact information below.

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