

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND K-8 CENTER PRINCIPALS/APS/TEACHERS: Civics End of Course Assessment

Category: For Your Information

Audience: Principals/APs (Middle), All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

To provide updates regarding the 2014 Civics End of Course Baseline Assessment administration and to ensure that schools are knowledgeable of state statute and the availability of Civics' instructional resources.

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- The Department of Social Sciences is providing the following important information regarding the 2014 Civics End of Course Baseline assessment.
 - According to Florida State Statute 1008.22, the Civics End of Course (EOC) Assessment will account for 30% of a student's course grade in Civics beginning spring of 2014.
 - After the baseline assessment is administered during the spring of 2014, the Florida Department of Education, in conjunction with a team of educators from across the state, will establish cut scores based on baseline results during the summer of 2014.
 - **The District will apply a weight of the baseline results to the students' course grades to comply with statute accordingly. For the 2013-14 academic year Civics will be treated in the same fashion as all other baseline EOCs. A 30% computation using the t-score will be included in the student's course grade.**
 - In an effort to assist teachers in preparing students for the 2014 Civics End of Course Baseline assessment, the Department of Social Sciences has provided:
 - The link below to the Civics Item Specifications which highlights the tested benchmarks for Civics and provides a sample question per tested benchmark: <http://fcats.fldoe.org/eoc/pdf/FL12SpISCivicsWTr2g.pdf>; and
 - A 7th grade Civics Pacing Guide has been aligned to tested benchmarks, best-practice instructional strategies, the Civics Item Specifications, Common Core State Standards, and additional instructional resources. The guide can be downloaded from the Department of Social Sciences' website: <http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net>.
 - Should 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 number listed below.

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