To announce The Civics Leaders’ Institute, a professional development opportunity for 7th grade Civics teachers highlighting best practices in preparation for 7th grade Civics End of Course Exam.

- The Division of Social Sciences is offering training to teachers on best practices to prepare students for the Civics EOC Assessment.
- Starting in 2014-2015, students in 7th grade Civics must earn a passing score on the Civics EOC Exam to receive credit for the course and to be promoted to senior high school.
- This professional development opportunity is open to 25 Civics teachers.
- The following details regarding this professional development opportunity should be noted:
  - Participation is voluntary.
  - Priority access to this program will be given to teachers who work in schools identified by the District as in need of improvement.
  - Teachers participating in the cohort must attend all 10 days of workshops.
  - Participating teachers must currently teach at least one section of 7th grade Civics.
  - Participating teachers will earn a total of 40 Master Plan Points; receive valuable content knowledge and instructional strategies and resources provided by the Division of Social Sciences.
  - Participating teachers will earn a $100.00 stipend for workshops that take place on Saturdays and be provided with the funding structure for substitutes for the Friday training sessions.
- The dates of the professional development sessions are as follows:
  - Friday/Saturday, September 21 & 22, 2012
  - Friday/Saturday, October 12 & 13, 2012
  - Friday/Saturday, November 2 & 3, 2012
  - Friday/Saturday, December 14 & 15, 2012
  - Friday/Saturday, January 25 & 26, 2013
- Teachers interested in participating in the Civic Leaders’ Institute should complete the attached application and send it via FAX to Ms. Jackie Viana, Teaching American History Grant Coordinator, by September 13, 2012. Candidates will be notified via e-mail as to their acceptance into the program by September 14, 2012.
- If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Ms. Jackie Viana at the number listed below or via e-mail, Jviana@dadeschools.net.

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