

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS/MEDIA SPECIALISTS: Election 2016 Instructional Resources

**Category: For Your Information****Audience:** All Principals/APs, All Teachers , Media Specialists

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

**Attachment(s):** [Election\\_2016\\_Elementary\\_Resource\\_Guide.pdf](#)  
[Election\\_2016\\_Secondary\\_Resource\\_Guide.pdf](#)

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To provide schools with classroom resources to support instruction on the 2016 presidential election.

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- Every four years, U.S. citizens of voting age have the opportunity to vote in the presidential elections. While most students are not yet eligible to officially participate in this critically important democratic process, it is important to give them the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to become informed and active voters.
- To assist teachers and staff, the Department of Social Sciences has developed "Election 2016", an instructional resource guides that includes background information, classroom activities, and Internet resources to help students observe, analyze, and involve themselves in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.
- As a culminating activity, students will also be given the opportunity to participate in the District-wide, on-line Mock Election. The 2016 M-DCS Student Mock Election will take place beginning Monday, October 24, 2016 through Monday, November 7, 2016. Complete information on the Mock Election is included in the final section of the "Election 2016" instructional resource guides for elementary and secondary students. A reminder about the Mock Election will also be forwarded to schools via a separate Weekly Briefing.
- Below please find the elementary and secondary instructional resources attached to this briefing. Please feel free to download and duplicate these, as needed. In addition, the election kit and election resources have been posted on the Department of Social Sciences' website: <http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net> under current news. Look for the file titled: Election 2016.
- The Department of Social Sciences is also interested in knowing what special instructional activities have been organized at schools related to the 2016 presidential election. If your school has held a presidential debate, an issues forum, voting campaign, or any other election-related activity involving the school or community, please complete the "Election 2016 Instructional Activities School Reporting Form" found in the back of the Election 2016 instructional resource guides. Also, feel free to tweet about your election activities by tagging us @MDCPSSocStudies #2016MockElection.
- For additional information about the "Election 2016" instructional resources, please contact Mr. Robert Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, at the number listed below, or by email at [rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net](mailto:rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net).

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