

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences- Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest
Category: For Your Information

Audience: All Principals/APs, All Teachers

Due Date: Sep 26, 2014

Meeting Date: n/a

Attachment(s): [Hispanic Population and the 2010 Census- Secondary Essay Prompt.docx](#)

To announce the 2014 Hispanic Heritage Month essay contest.

The Department of Social Sciences announces the 2014 Hispanic Heritage Month essay contest open to students in the following grade levels:

- Elementary School: Grades 3-5;
- Middle School: Grades 6-8; and
- Senior High School: Grades 9-12.

Please see below for contest details, essay guidelines, essay prompts, and prize information.

Contest Guidelines:

- Schools should conduct their own school site essay contests using the essay topic and guidelines below. Each school site is permitted to submit **one** winning essay. Schools that have both elementary and middle school students or both middle school and high school students may submit two essays, one from each grade band.
- All essays must be received on or before **Friday, September 26, 2014**. Essays may be hand delivered to The Department of Social Sciences in the SBAB Annex, 1501 NE 2nd Avenue, Suite 326-B Miami, Florida 33132 or sent via fax to 305-995-1492.
- Essay entries must meet the following requirements:
 - Typed using 12 pt. font.
 - Maximum length of 500 words (2 pages).
 - Stapled on the upper left hand corner.
 - Include a cover sheet with the following:
 - School's name
 - Student's name
 - Student's grade level
 - Teacher's name and email address
 - Principal's name and email address
 - Teacher's contact phone number
- **Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the disqualification of the school's entry.**
- All entries will be evaluated in their entirety with consideration being given to the following four elements: focus, organization, support, and conventions.
- Essay prompts: Students should be instructed to respond to the prompt that pertains to their particular grade level:
 - **Elementary School Prompt:** Grades 3-5- Read the following definitions of the word "Hispanic" as stated by Bing Dictionary and respond to the following question:
 - Hispanic
 - of people of Spanish descent: relating to people descended from Spanish or Latin American people or their culture
 - of Spanish-speaking people: relating to Spanish-speaking people or their

culture

- of Iberian Peninsula: relating to Spain, or its language, people, or culture

- Source:

 - <http://www.bing.com/search?q=What+is+a+Hispanic&FORM=QSRE1>

- Write an essay in which you give your opinion if you think the definitions provided include all people who consider themselves Hispanic? Why or why not? Be sure to include specific language from the definitions in your answer.

- **Middle School Prompt:** Grades 6-8- Read the attached document “Hispanic Population and the 2010 Census” and respond to the following question: Based on the data presented, what predictions can you make about how the growing number of Hispanics will influence life in the United States? Be sure to support your answer with specific data from the attachment.

- **Senior High School Prompt:** Grade 9-12- Read the attached document “Hispanic Population and the 2010 Census” and respond to the following question: Based on the data presented, how do you foresee the growing number of Hispanics influencing the United States socially, economically, and politically? Be sure to support your answer with specific data from the attachment.

- **Prizes will be awarded to the elementary, middle and high school 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners as follows:**

 - 1st place: \$100.00 gift certificate

 - 2nd place: \$50.00 gift certificate

 - 3rd place: \$25.00 gift certificate.

Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, at rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net or see the contact information below.

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