

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Instructional Resources for American Founders' Month

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To provide instructional resources to all schools to support American Founders' Month in September 2017.

- The Florida Legislature has designated each September to be commemorated as American Founders' Month.
- This commemoration provides schools with additional opportunities to study the leaders who helped establish our nation and government; who wrote our founding documents such as the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights; and, who defined the fundamental principles on which our nation was established.
- Florida State Statute 683.1455 F.S. establishing American Founders' Month reads as follows:
 - 1) The month of September of each year is designated as "American Founders' Month."
 - 2) The Governor may annually issue a proclamation designating the month of September as "American Founders' Month" and urging all civic, fraternal, and religious organizations and public and private educational institutions to recognize and observe this occasion through appropriate programs, meetings, services, or celebrations in which state, county, and local governmental officials are invited to participate.
- The Department of Social Sciences has compiled elementary and secondary instructional resource guides to assist teachers in providing instruction during American Founders' Month. The guides include background information, suggested classroom activities, suggested Internet resources, and other activities to support the character education core value designated by the District for September (Respect).
- The resources may be accessed at:
 - [Elementary Resource Guide American Founders' Month](#)
 - [Secondary Resource Guide American Founders' Month](#)
- A PowerPoint presentation, available by accessing the link below, may be utilized during American Founders' Month. The PowerPoint may be used school-wide during opening exercises or in individual classrooms.
 - [American Founders' Month PowerPoint](#)
- The following additional instructional resource guides developed by the Department of Social Sciences are available to further support instruction during American Founders' Month:
 - o [Elementary Constitution Day and Citizenship Day](#)
 - o [Secondary Constitution Day and Citizenship Day](#)
 - o [Elementary Celebrate Freedom Week \(Declaration of Independence\)](#)
 - o [Secondary Celebrate Freedom Week \(Declaration of Independence\)](#)
- Please share these resources with the teachers in your school. Please also feel free to duplicate copies of the resources, as needed.
- American Founders' Month resources are also posted on the [Department of Social Sciences' website](#). Look under "Current News," "Instructional Resources 2017-2018," and find the file titled: "American Founders' Month." Many of the lessons included may be useful for other times throughout the school year.
- If you have any questions regarding American Founders' Month, please contact Mr. Robert Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, at rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net or see the contact information below.

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