

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Instructional Resources for Celebrate Freedom Week, September 21-25, 2015
Category: For Your Information

Audience: All Principals/APs, All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

Attachment(s): [CELEBRATE FREEDOM WEEK POWER POINT 2015.pptx](#)

The Department of Social Sciences has developed instructional resources to assist elementary and secondary teachers in providing required instruction on the Declaration of Independence.

- Florida Statute 1003.421 requires the following:
 - The last full week of classes each September shall be recognized in public schools as Celebrate Freedom Week. Celebrate Freedom Week must include instruction on the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence.
 - Per Florida Statute 1003.421, during the last full week of September, at the beginning of each school day or in homeroom, public school principals and teachers shall conduct an oral recitation by students of the following passage from the Declaration of Independence:
 - “We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...”
- Upon written request by a student's parent, the student must be excused from the recitation of the Declaration of Independence.
- The Department of Social Sciences has compiled elementary and secondary instructional resource guides to assist teachers in providing instruction on the Declaration of Independence. These instructional resource guides include background information on the Declaration of Independence, full lesson plans and activities, suggested Internet resources, and other activities to support the character education core value for September (respect).
- In addition, many of the intermediate elementary and middle school lessons directly support the tested benchmarks for the 7th grade Civics EOC Assessment.
- The resources may be accessed by clicking on the following links:
 - **Elementary Celebrate Freedom Resource Guide:**
 - <http://attachmentManagerFiles.dadeschools.net/getFile.ashx?id=U/02KOOgW7jkXHUS0ArT9IBZRQGdAaJb3j~!7KJb5qel3jF85NQ52LFtLBh0tttgYaUmrrUF2yi9FDD0goJxTjg==&app=AttachmentManager>
 - **Secondary Celebrate Freedom Resource Guide:**
 - <http://attachmentManagerFiles.dadeschools.net/getFile.ashx?id=jmfcjecuteK0Yr32QYz4kLwDfQbgaZcNdZUVsKaXELrO0qGHs07jYzNKVm02AiJa~!ZZrqFmZIEomMhag8ePiKAA==&app=AttachmentManager>
- Also attached is a Power Point presentation that may be utilized during Celebrate Freedom Week. The Power Point may be used school-wide during opening exercises or in individual classrooms.
- Please share these resources with the teachers in your school. Please also feel free to duplicate copies of the resources, as needed.
- If you have any questions regarding Celebrate Freedom Week, please contact Mr. Robert Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, at 305-995-1982, or by e-mail at rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net.

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