

ALL SECONDARY PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences- Mini Assessments for 7th Grade Civics and 11th Grade U.S. History

*Category: For Your Information*

**Audience:** Principals/APs (Middle), Principals/APs (Senior High), All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

**Attachment(s):** [2018-2019 7th Grade Civics Mini Assessments Chart UPDATED 8.7.pdf](#)  
[2018-2019 11th Grade US History Mini Assessments Chart UPDATED 8.7.pdf](#)  
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To provide updates regarding the mini assessments available for 7th grade Civics and 11th grade U.S. History teachers.

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- The Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences, provides mini assessments for 7th grade Civics and 11th grade U.S. History for teachers to be able to check for student understanding and mastery of content and skills necessary for success on the end of course assessments associated with 7th grade Civics and 11th grade U.S. History.
  - Due to the District rolling out a new online assessment platform, Performance Matters, adjustments have been made to the 7th grade Civics and 11th grade U.S. History mini assessment calendars accordingly. See attached charts to this briefing depicting the testing administration window for each mini assessment scheduled for each course. Said charts may also be located under the pacing guide section through the Curriculum Resource tile found on the employee portal.
  - It is considered a best instructional practice to be able to attain data and monitor student progress on content, skill, and benchmark mastery; analyze performance data and shape future instruction accordingly. **Therefore, use of the mini assessments is highly encouraged.**
  - Mini assessment for 7th grade Civics and 11th grade U.S. History should be administered via a computer except when a student's Individual Education Plan requires a paper assessment.
  - The Performance Matters new testing platform will be accessible for both students and teachers through the portal and with a single sign-in experience. Search for the application titled: "Performance Matters."
  - For instructions for how to administer a Computer-Based Test (CBT), please see the attached file.
  - For additional information about Performance Matters, please see the documents posted on the District's Assessment, Research, and Data Analysis webpage: <http://oada.dadeschools.net/IAP/IAP.asp>. The section that is particularly important for teachers is the **Performance Matters Quick Docs.**
  - **For technical assistance in administering a CBT, please contact:**
    - Marva Wilks, Project Manager - Phone: 305-995-7201
    - Marlene Lorie, Support Consultant - Phone: 305-995-7531
    - Rosemary Stephens, Support Consultant - Phone: 305-995-7529
  - For questions or additional information about the content of the 7th grade Civics or 11th grade U.S. History mini assessments, please email Robert Brazofsky, Executive Director,

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