

ALL SECONDARY PRINCIPALS/APS/TEACHERS: Mini-Assessments for Both 7th Grade Civics and 11th Grade U.S. History, and New Mid-Year Assessments

*Category: For Your Information*

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

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

**Attachment(s):** [7th Grade Civics Mini Assessments Chart \(002\).docx](#)  
[11th Grade US History Mini Assessments Chart.docx](#)

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To announce the availability of Mini-Assessments for both 7th grade Civics and 11th grade U.S. History and new Mid-Year Assessments.

- In order to provide multiple opportunities for 7th grade Civics and 11th grade U.S. History students to practice EOC-like assessment questions and provide data to teachers at strategic points in pacing throughout the academic year regarding student mastery of essential skills and content, the Department of Social Sciences has created Mini-Assessments for both 7th grade Civics and 11th grade U.S. History and new Mid-Year Assessments.
- The attached documents contain a chart for each of the Social Sciences EOC-assessed courses. Information included in the chart is as follows: the number of Mini-Assessments, the assessed benchmarks and also assessed benchmarks each Mini-Assessment addresses, the date by which instruction should be completed on those particular benchmarks according to the pacing guides, and the testing window for each Mini-Assessment. **VERY IMPORTANT:** once the Mini-Assessment testing window closes, teachers will not be able to administer the assessment. Please review the chart accordingly.
- **Please note the following specifics regarding the new Mini-Assessments:**
  - Use of the Mini-Assessments provide multiple assessment opportunities for students and is considered best practice so that teachers can make strategic instructional decisions based on data and differentiate instruction as appropriate.
  - The Mini-Assessments DO NOT replace the requirement for all schools to administer the Mid-Year Assessment. Please note: for the 2016-17 Mid-Year Assessments, students will be assessed with completely new assessment items and will only be assessed on content addressed in each course up to the mid-year point (no non-instructed benchmarks are included).
  - Both the Mini-Assessments and Mid-Year Assessments are secured assessments and can only be administered through G2D, **NOT PRINTED**, and students must use a computer/laptop/device to complete the assessments.
  - Upon the conclusion of each Mini-Assessment and the Mid-Year Assessment testing window, the Department of Social Sciences will send “test maps” to Social Science Department Chairpersons outlining the content focus and benchmark for each question on each assessment. This information is essential for teachers to be able to analyze student performance data.
  - Please note: the number of assessment items per Mini-Assessment vary slightly according to the content being assessed.
  - Both the Civics MYA and U.S. History MYA have 60 assessment items.
  - Mini-Assessment charts are also posted on the Department of Social Sciences’ website: <http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net> in the pacing guide section for each EOC assessed course.
- Should you have any questions or need additional information, please email Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences at [rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net](mailto:rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net).

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