

## ALL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS/APS: New Pacing Guides for Senior High School Social Studies Courses

Category: *For Your Information*

Audience: Principals/APs (Senior High)

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

The Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills has produced new pacing guides for senior high school social studies courses including the new Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for Social Studies. Please see below for important details.

- Beginning school year 2012-2013, the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for Social Studies (NGSSS-SS) will replace the Competency-Based Curriculum for Social Studies as the District's required curriculum. Based on the new standards, some grade levels face major changes in the course content while others face minor changes.
- The following grade-level themes for senior high school social studies instruction will be utilized under the NGSSS-SS:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade World History: Middle Ages to the Present;
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade U.S. History: Reconstruction to the Present Day;
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade U.S. Government (.5 Annual Credit); and
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Economics (.5 Annual Credit).
- A Power Point presentation, with details in the notes section, that provide highlights and explanations of the changes taking place in social studies instruction, K-12, as a result of the NGSSS-SS, may also be downloaded from the Division of Social Sciences website, <http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net/>, under "Curricular Documents-NGSSS-SS Power Point."
- Administrators are encouraged to either use this Power Point Presentation during a faculty meeting or inform their teaching staff to review the information found in the Power Point accordingly.
- Since current adopted instructional materials for **12<sup>th</sup> grade Government and Economics** closely match the **NGSSS-SS, the required document to drive instruction for 12<sup>th</sup> Grade social studies will be the new pacing guides effective immediately for the 2010-2011 academic year.**
- These pacing guides can be downloaded from the Division of Social Sciences website, <http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net/>, under "Curricular Documents- NGSSS-SS Senior High School Pacing Guides."
- Since current adopted instructional materials and the required scope of content for the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade World History and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade U.S. History courses **DO NOT support full implementation of the NGSSS-SS, new pacing guides for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade will not be implemented until 2012-2013** when new instructional materials for social studies instruction are scheduled to be available to schools. However, these pacing guides can be downloaded from the Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills website, <http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net/>, under "Curricular Documents- NGSSS-SS Senior High School Pacing Guides. Teachers are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with these new pacing guides in preparation for implementation.
- In addition, Senior High School Grade Level/Course Descriptions with NGSSS-SS benchmarks can also be downloaded from the same website. Teachers are encouraged to review the NGSSS-SS for their particular teaching assignment and infuse them into their social studies instruction accordingly.
- **For academic years, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012, the document that should continue to drive instruction for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade World History and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade U.S. History will still be the Recommended Scope and Sequence plans using the Competency-Based Curriculum Standards**, which can also be downloaded from the Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills website.
- If you should have any questions or need additional information about the changes outlined here for middle school social studies instruction, please email, [rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net](mailto:rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net), or see the contact information below.

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