

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences- Optional Mini Assessments for 6th grade U.S. History

*Category: For Your Information*

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

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

**Attachment(s):** [QuickDoc-UNIFY-OLASStudentAdmin.pdf](#)

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To provide information about 6th grade U.S. History optional mini assessments.

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- The Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences, is providing 2 optional mini assessments for 6th grade U.S. History teachers to be able to check for student understanding and mastery of content and skills correlated to the 7th grade Civics standards.
- The assessments will be available via the new testing platform Performance Matters.
- The testing window falls at the end of the 1st 9 weeks for mini-assessment #1 and at the end of the 2nd 9 weeks for mini-assessment #2. See dates below for exact testing windows.
- Mini Assessment #1 testing window: October 25th through November 15th, 2018
- Mini Assessment #2 testing window: January 17th through February 7th, 2019
- It is strongly recommended for 6th grade U.S. History teachers to administer these assessments to be able to attain data on Civics-correlated content, skill, and benchmark mastery and to provide 6th grade U.S. History students with an opportunity to practice taking EOC style assessments/questions.
- Mini assessments should be administered via a computer except when a student's Individual Education Plan requires a paper assessment.
- The Performance Matters new testing platform is accessible for both students and teachers through the portal and with a single sign-in experience. Search for the application titled: "Performance Matters Testing Platform."
- Once the testing window opens, search for the mini assessment via the titled found below:
  - 6th grade U.S. History Mini Assessment #1: Title- M-SS-6US-M1-CBT
  - 6th grade U.S. History Mini Assessment #2: Title- M-SS-6US-M2-CBT
- 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 6th grade U.S. History mini assessments, please contact Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, [rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net](mailto:rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net), or Ms. Jackie Viana, District Supervisor, Department of Social Sciences, [jviana@dadeschools.net](mailto:jviana@dadeschools.net), or see the contact information below.

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