

All PRINCIPALS/APS/TEACHERS: Social Sciences - Pacing Guide Updates for the 2014-15 School Year

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Audience: All Principals/APs, All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

To provide information about the updates/edits to the K-12 pacing guides for Social Sciences for the 2014-15 school year.

The Department of Social Sciences has updated pacing guides for required courses and grade levels. All updated pacing guides may be accessed through the Learning Village or through the Department of Social Sciences' website: <http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net>. **Please note: The pacing guides for Social Sciences will only be available to be downloaded from the department's website during the first two weeks of school. On August 29, 2014, they will be removed from the department's website and ONLY available through the Learning Village.**

The following information provides a summary of the updates/edits to the pacing guides for Social Sciences:

Social Sciences Pacing Guide Edits/Updates for All Required Courses and Grade Levels:

- Florida Standards and Florida Standards Focus Activities have been embedded throughout the guides and updates to instructional resources have been added to include activities that assist students in mastering Florida Standards through the content area of Social Sciences.
- The Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for Social Sciences still remain the driving force for instruction.
- Discovery Education resources have been included at the end of each nine weeks pacing guide.
- NBC Learn links are embedded throughout select subjects/grade levels and can be accessed by clicking on the blue highlighted links found in the topic lists. Please note: You must first access NBC Learn through the employee portal, launch the program, and then click on the link embedded in the pacing guide to access the video associated with each topic.
- Suggested dates for completing instruction on each major topic are included that correlate to the 2014-15 academic calendar.
- To assist teachers in planning for instruction the following support documents are also included: "Year at a Glance" and "Timeline."
- To assist teachers in planning for instruction, a planning sheet has been included after each major topic.

Social Sciences Pacing Guide Edits/Updates Specific to Elementary Grades:

- As a reminder, the required instructional minutes for Social Sciences in grades K-1 are 60 minutes a week and in grades 2-5, 120 minutes a week.
- Grades K-3 guides are now completely aligned to McGraw-Hill core text which is ONLY available electronically through the student/employee portals.
- For 4th grade Florida History and 5th grade U.S. History, correlations have been made to the reading series where appropriate and included under the "Instructional Tools" column.
- The 4th grade and 5th grade core textbooks are available through the student/teacher portals and consumable student texts are also utilized.
- Still included and essential for Social Sciences content mastery in grades 3-5 are correlations to important Civics concepts. A complete lesson plan including all handouts, steps to deliver instruction, and a multiple choice assessment are included via accessing the links to the lesson plans that are highlighted in yellow. Said lesson are tied to the red highlighted benchmarks that are linked to important Civics concepts. Use of these lessons are essential in building Civic knowledge at the elementary level to assist students in learning important concepts they will need to know for eventual success on the 7th grade Civics End of Course Assessment.

Social Sciences Pacing Guide Edits/Updates Specific to 7th grade Civics and 9th grade World History and reminders regarding other secondary Social Science required courses:

- In addition to the above mentioned edits/updates, specific resources have been developed to support project-based learning to master 7th grade Civics and 9th grade World History benchmarks through the use of mobile devices and digital learning.

- Resources supporting the use of mobile devices being deployed through these two grade levels can be accessed from the main Department of Social Sciences' webpage: <http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net> and are also embedded throughout the pacing guide.
- When you see the image titled "Tapping Into Intelligence in a Digital World" with the icon of the mobile device, a link is available by clicking on the image which takes you to a page where project-based learning activities and additional device support documents have been posted.
- 6th grade World History has lessons embedded to support Civics knowledge and dispositions.
- 7th grade Civics and 11th grade U.S. History pacing guides are aligned thoroughly to the item specifications associated with each End of Course Assessment for these courses and have a review portion built into the pacing to be delivered prior to each assessment.
- 12th grade Economics pacing guides are embedded with financial literacy objectives and related instructional activities in order to be in compliance with new requirements associated with this course.
- Please see the specific pacing guide for the Social Sciences course(s)/grade level(s) that you teach to note any additional updates.
- Should you need additional information or have questions, please contact Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net or see the contact information below.

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