

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences- Project Citizen Program

Category: For Your Information

Audience: All Principals/APs, All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

The Department of Social Sciences is sponsoring the Project Citizen program/curriculum and fair for Social Science teachers in grades 5-12 to provide students with an opportunity to learn about and influence public policy.

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- The Project Citizen program/curriculum focuses on the following:
 - the role of local and state government;
 - the importance of becoming actively involved in one's community;
 - the process of shaping public policy;
 - cooperative decision-making skills;
 - creating a hands-on class portfolio that focuses on an issue or problem in the student's community, and;
 - developing an action plan to implement a solution to the problem.
 - The Project Citizen program/curriculum complements the Social Studies' Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and Florida State Standards for the required 7th grade Civics course and 12th grade U.S. Government course as well as supports Civics benchmarks in Social Sciences courses grades 5-12.
 - Teachers who plan to participate in the Project Citizen program/curriculum for the 2016-2017 academic year must complete the online participation form: <http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net/forms/project-citizen-form.asp>.
 - **The online form must be completed on or before Friday, February 3, 2017.**
 - The Department of Social Sciences' Project Citizen Fair will be held at St. Thomas University School of Law - 16401 NW 37th Ave, Miami Gardens, FL 33054 on Friday, March 31, 2017.
 - More details regarding the **Project Citizen Fair** will be sent to those teachers who fill out the participation form.
 - At the Project Citizen Fair, students' projects will be judged and considered for advancement to the state level Project Citizen Competition. Students will also be provided feedback on their project at the fair.
 - **Only** the first place Middle and Senior High School winners from each Congregational District will advance to the State competition.
 - **All projects are due to the Department of Social Sciences at the Project Citizen Fair taking place on Friday, March 31, 2017. No late entries will be accepted.**
 - For additional information about the Project Citizen Program/Curriculum and to download curricular materials, please visit the Center for Civic Education's website, www.civiced.org.
 - If you need additional information regarding this program, please email Ms. Jackie Viana, District Supervisor, Department of Social Sciences, jviana@dadeschools.net, or see the contact information below.

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