To inform secondary principals, assistant principals, and teachers of the Project Citizen program/curriculum and fair that provides students with an opportunity to learn about and influence public policy.

- The Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences is sponsoring the Project Citizen program/curriculum and fair for Social Science teachers in grades 6-12 to provide students with an opportunity to learn about and influence public policy.

- 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 6-12.

- Teachers who plan to participate in the Project Citizen program/curriculum for the 2018-2019 academic year must complete the online participation form: [http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net/forms/project-citizen-form.asp](http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net/forms/project-citizen-form.asp).

- The online form must be completed on or before Thursday, March 21, 2019.

- The Division of Academics, 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 Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

- 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 top three winners from each, Middle and Senior High school division will advance to the state competition. Each team brings a team of eight students to the state competition.

- **All projects are due to the Department of Social Sciences at the Project Citizen Fair taking place on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. 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](http://www.civiced.org).

- If you need additional information regarding this program, please email Ms. Jackie Viana, District Supervisor, Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences, [jviana@dadeschools.net](mailto:jviana@dadeschools.net), or see the contact information below.

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