The Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills is sponsoring the Project Citizen program for 7th grade and 12th grade social studies teachers to provide students with an opportunity to learn about and influence public policy.

- The Project Citizen program 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 complements the Social Studies' Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for the required 7th grade Civics course and 12th grade U.S. Government course.
- Senior high school teachers who agree to participate in the program will have their student projects judged and provided feedback and middle school teachers students' projects will be judged and considered for advancement to the state level Project Citizen competition in addition to receiving feedback on their project.
- Teachers who plan to participate in the Project Citizen program for the 2011-2012 academic year must complete the attached information form and submit it via FAX to 305 995-1492 or via email to rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net.
- All projects will be due to the Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills on or before March 9, 2012 and should be delivered to SBAB Annex Room 326 D accordingly.
- For additional information about the Project Citizen Program and to download curricular materials, please visit the Center for Civic Education's website, www.civiced.org.
- For additional information regarding this program, please e-mail rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net, or see the contact information below.

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