

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs: Social Studies - Project Citizen Program

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**Audience:** All Principals/APs

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

**Attachment(s):** [PROJECT CITIZEN Information Form 2013-2014.doc](#)

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

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- The Project Citizen program focuses on the following:
    - o the role of local and state government;
    - o the importance of becoming actively involved in one's community;
    - o the process of shaping public policy;
    - o cooperative decision-making skills;
    - o creating a hands-on class portfolio that focuses on an issue or problem in the student's community, and;
    - o developing an action plan to implement a solution to the problem.
  - The Project Citizen program complements the Social Studies' Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and Common Core State Standards for the required 7th grade Civics course and 12th grade U.S. Government course.
  - 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 2013-2014 academic year must complete the attached participation form and submit it via FAX to 305 995-1492 or via email to [jviana@dadeschools.net](mailto:jviana@dadeschools.net) by **Thursday, February 20, 2014**.
  - Project Citizen boards will be provided but must be picked up in the SBAB Annex Building, Room 326 D. More details will be sent to those teachers who send the participation form. All projects will be due to the Department of Social Sciences on or before March 19, 2014 and should be delivered to SBAB Annex Building, Room 326 D accordingly. **No late entries will be accepted.**
  - 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](http://www.civiced.org).
  - For additional information regarding this program, please email Jackie Viana, District Supervisor Department of Social Sciences at [jviana@dadeschools.net](mailto:jviana@dadeschools.net), or see the contact information below.

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