The Department of Social Sciences is sponsoring the Project Citizen program for Social Science teachers of grades 5-12 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 and Florida 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 2014-2015 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).
- More details will be sent to those teachers who fill out the participation form.
- All projects will be due to the Department of Social Sciences on or before April 10, 2015. **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).
- If you need additional information regarding this program, please email Ms. Jackie Viana, District Supervisor, [jviana@dadeschools.net](mailto:jviana@dadeschools.net), or see the contact information below.

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