

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

Category: For Your Information

Audience: All Principals/APs, All Teachers

Due Date: Feb 19, 2016

Meeting Date: Apr 02, 2016

The Department of Social Sciences is sponsoring the Project Citizen program for Social Science teachers in 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 2015-2016 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 19, 2016.**
- More details regarding the **Project Citizen Fair**, taking place on April 2, 2016, at Florida International University College of Law, will be sent to those teachers who fill out the participation form.
- Only the first place winners of each congregational district Middle and High School will advance to the State competition.
- All projects will be due to the Department of Social Sciences at the Project Citizen Fair taking place on April 2, 2016. **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.
- 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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