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](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](http://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](mailto:jviana@dadeschools.net), or see the contact information below.

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