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- Social Sciences will be implementing an induction program to support beginning secondary social studies teachers. The goal of the Social Studies Beginning Teacher Induction Program (SSBTIP) is to provide assistance to a selected group of beginning social studies teachers (grades 6-12) throughout the 2009-2010 school year.
- The SSBTIP is open to a limited number of beginning social studies teachers, second year social studies teachers, or teachers new to teaching a social studies course. A cadre of 30 secondary social studies teachers will participate in a series of six Saturday workshops addressing various curricular and pedagogical issues. Participants may be paid a $100 stipend per workshop (contingent upon funding) and will receive valuable instructional materials. Master Plan Points will also be awarded to participants who attend all six sessions. Participation is voluntary.
- In order to qualify for the SSBTIP, a teacher must be a full-time beginning teacher, second year teacher, or a teacher teaching a social studies course for the first time for the 2009-2010 school year, have a teaching assignment that is exclusively secondary social studies (6-12); and make a commitment to attend all six Saturday workshops.
- The tentative dates for the SSBTIP workshops are as follows:
  - Saturday, September 12, 2009
  - Saturday, October 3, 2009
  - Saturday, November 14, 2009
  - Saturday, December 5, 2009
  - Saturday, February 6, 2010
  - Saturday, April 10, 2010
- The workshops will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will be held at the Miami-Dade County Public School's Administration Building, 1450 NE 2nd Avenue, in room 559. Parking is available for free in the open- aired parking lot behind the building. Specific directions and details will be forwarded to accepted participants at a later date.
- The tentative topics to be covered at the workshops are as follows:
  - Management and classroom procedures of an effective social studies teacher;
  - Instructional strategies for social studies;
  - Curriculum development, requirements, and planning;
  - Authentic, alternative, and FCAT assessment strategies;
  - Incorporating technology into the social studies classroom; and
  - Using reading and writing strategies in social studies.
- Attached is the application teachers must use to apply for the program. All applications must be received no later than September 2, 2009 and may be sent via FAX to 305 995-1492.
- If you have any questions about SSBTIP, please e-mail Robert Brazofsky, District Supervisor, Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills, at rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net or see the contact information below.

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