

ALL PRINCIPALS/APS/TEACHERS: Social Sciences- Updates to K-12 Social Sciences' Pacing Guides for the 2018-19 School Year

Category: For Your Information

Audience: All Principals/APs, All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

To provide information about the updates/edits to the K-12 pacing guides and other instructional resources for Social Sciences for the 2018-19 school year.

- The Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences has updated pacing guides and various instructional resources for required courses and grade levels for the 2018-19 school year.
- Teachers may access the most recent versions of the guides by logging onto the Pacing Guide Application located in the Apps section through the Employee Portal. Instructional resources such as exemplar lessons and History Labs can also be found through the application.
- The Department of Social Sciences has also updated several instructional resources and created new resources to support rigorous, engaging, and effective instruction in K-12 Social Sciences.
- Below are the highlights to the updates for Social Sciences' pacing guides and instructional resources:
 - Dates have been updated in all guides to reflect the 2018-19 school year;
 - Elementary student learning logs are available and have been updated for K-5 teachers to assist them in having rich academic discussion with students to be able to track their own mastery of essential Social Sciences' concepts and skills. To access the learning logs, please see <http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net> and click on Pacing Guides/Lessons.
 - For grades 6, 7, and 8th grade Social Sciences' Pacing Guides, sample learning activities tied to Social Emotional Learning (SEL) competencies have been embedded throughout directly tied to Social Sciences' content, standards, and benchmarks.
 - 8th grade World History pacing guides have been created to support the reboot of Middle School World History at the 8th grade level thus completing the change in Middle School sequence of Social Sciences' courses started two years ago. As such, the sequence of Middle School Social Sciences courses is: 6th grade U.S. History, 7th grade Civics, and 8th grade World History. In addition, new History Labs and lesson plans have been created to support the reboot of Middle School World History. Links to these new resources are embedded in the pacing guides accordingly.
 - Exemplar lessons plans have been updated and created for both 7th grade Civics and 11th grade U.S. History providing a laser focus on essential tested content and skills as identified in the test item specification documents for both 7th grade Civics and 11th grade U.S. History. Links to the updated and new exemplar lesson plans are embedded in the pacing guides.
 - Mini Assessment dates and charts have been updated for 7th grade Civics and 11th

grade U.S. History and reflected in the pacing guides and also posted in a separate chart.

- As a reminder 6th grade U.S. History lessons that assist in building Civics knowledge are embedded in the 6th grade U.S. History pacing guides and should be considered essential lessons to use in 6th grade U.S. History. Likewise, 9th grade World History lessons are also available to assist in building U.S. History knowledge and are embedded in the 9th grade World History pacing guides and should also be considered essential lesson to use in 9th grade World History.
 - Should you need additional information or have questions, please contact Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net or see the contact information below.
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