

ALL SECONDARY PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences- "We the People... The Citizen and the Constitution"
District Competition

Category: For Your Information

Audience: Principals/APs (Middle), Principals/APs (Senior High)

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

Attachment(s): [_WTP-rules_for_MS-HS.pdf](#)
[2016-2017-wtp-middle-school-hearing-questions.pdf](#)
[2016-2017-wtp-high-school-state-hearing-questions.pdf](#)

The Department of Social Sciences is sponsoring the 29th annual "We the People... The Citizen and the Constitution" District competition on Thursday, December 15, 2016 for Middle Schools and Friday, December 16, 2016 for Senior High Schools.

- The "We the People...The Citizen and the Constitution" competition provides Senior High and Middle School students with the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights by taking part in a simulated congressional hearing.
- This year's competition is scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2016 for Middle Schools and Friday, December 16, 2016 for Senior High Schools at the **James L. Knight Center: 400 SE 2nd Ave, Miami, FL 33131**.
- To assist in covering costs associated with the District competition, each public and charter school participating must pay a \$75.00 registration fee and each private school must pay a \$ 200.00 registration fee. Details of how to submit payment will be sent directly to the team sponsors once registration deadline has expired.
- Only one winning Senior High School team, as well as, one winning Middle School team will travel to Orlando in January 2017, to compete in the state competition.
- The Department of Social Sciences will assist schools in covering costs incurred in advancing to the state level competition.
- Teachers must have implemented all six units of the "We the People...The Citizen and the Constitution" curriculum in order to participate in the competition.
- For more details regarding the competition and the We the People program, please visit the Center for Civic Education's website: www.civiced.org.
- Rules that govern the competition can be downloaded from the Department of Social Sciences' website under "Law Studies Academy." See the following link: <http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net>. Rules are also attached to this briefing. The high school rules also govern the middle school competition format.
- The 2016-2017 Middle and Senior High questions are attached to this briefing.
- **Schools interested in registering for this competition should do so by accessing the following link:** <http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net/forms/we-the-people-participation-form.asp>
- **All responses must be received on or before Friday, November 4, 2016.** All schools interested in participating will be held to the November 4th deadline in order for the District staff to make the necessary arrangements and reservations at the hosting venue.
- A full day of substitute coverage will be provided for one teacher/sponsor from each participating school on the day of competition.
- Please note that state-level hearing questions and the updated 2016 rules for Senior High School/Middle School competition are available at the Florida Law Related Education Association's website: www.FLREA.org.
- If you need additional information, please send an email to Ms. Jackie Viana, Supervisor, Department of Social Sciences, jviana@dadeschools.net, or see the contact information below.

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