The Department of Social Sciences is sponsoring the 26th annual "We the People - The Citizen and the Constitution" competition for interested senior high schools on Friday, December 13, 2013.

- The "We the People...The Citizen and the Constitution" (WTP) competition provides senior high 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 Friday, December 13, 2013. The location is TBA.
- Winning schools from each congressional district will travel to Orlando in January to compete in the state competition.
- **Please note:** The Department of Social Sciences will assist schools advancing to the state level with costs incurred. **However,** the Department of Social Sciences will **NOT** assist schools advancing to the national level in covering the costs associated. It will be up to a school advancing to the national level competition to raise funds accordingly.
- Teachers must have implemented all six units of the WTP curriculum in order to participate in the competition.
- For more details regarding the competition and the WTP program, please visit the Center for Civic Education’s website, [www.civiced.org](http://www.civiced.org).
- Rules that govern the competition can be downloaded from the Department of Social Sciences website under “District Competitions.” See the following link: [http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net](http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net).
- Rooms in which to hold the competition are very difficult to obtain. In order to have adequate time to make room arrangements, it is requested that schools complete the attached participation form and return it to: Ms. Jackie Viana, District Supervisor, Department of Social Sciences, via fax at 305 995-1492. **All responses must be received on or before Friday, October 18, 2013.**
- To assist in covering costs associated with holding the District competition, each public and charter school participating must pay a $50.00 registration fee and each private school must pay a $100.00 registration fee. Details of how to submit payment will be sent directly to team sponsors once registration forms are received.
- A full day of substitute coverage will be provided to all non-charter public schools for one teacher/sponsor from each participating school on the day of the District competition. Substitute coverage will be provided for non-charter public schools advancing to the state level competition as well.
- Please note that the state-level competition questions, also used at the District-level competition, are available at the Florida Law Related Education’s website: [www.FLREA.org](http://www.FLREA.org).
- If you need additional information, please send an email to jviana@dadeschools.net or see the contact information below.

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