

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND K-8 CENTER PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences – Summer Professional Development Sessions for the New Social Sciences Instructional Materials

**Category: Professional Development**

**Audience:** Principals/APs (Middle), All Teachers  
**Due Date:** n/a  
**Meeting Date:** n/a  
**Attachment(s):** [M-DCPS Social Sciences- McGraw Hill 6-8 Demo Access.pdf](#)

To inform middle and K-8 centers school administrators and teachers of summer professional development sessions for the new Social Sciences instructional materials.

- **Special note regarding this briefing:** This briefing serves as a “Save the Date” briefing for upcoming training on new Social Sciences instructional materials scheduled to be purchased for the 2017-18 school year. Please note that at the time of this briefing’s publishing, the adoption process is still pending and all projected training dates are tentative and contingent upon the final adoption process being completed.
- New Social Sciences instructional materials/textbooks are in the final stages of the adoption process per the textbook adoption cycle beginning with the school year 2017-2018.
- For grades 6-8 the series to be adopted is published by McGraw-Hill, as follows:
  - Grade 6 and 8: *Florida Middle School United States History – Early Years (for school year 2017-18).*
  - Grade 7: *Florida Middle School Civics*
  - Grade 8: *Florida Middle School World History – Early Ages-(beginning school year 2018-19).*
  - Materials may be previewed via a special demonstration site established for M-DCPS. See attached PDF for access instructions.
- **The Department of Social Sciences is offering summer professional development sessions for teachers to learn about the new instructional materials/textbooks. Details are as follow:**
  - **Dates:** Daily from Tuesday, August 1st through Thursday, August 3, 2017. Make-up days are scheduled on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 and Wednesday, August 9, 2017.
  - **Times:** The sessions are ½ day: 8:30 to 11:30 AM and 12:30 through 3:30 PM.
  - **Location:** Specific locations are TBA but there will be sessions offered on the North, Central, and South portions of the county.
  - **Stipend:** Teachers will be eligible to receive a \$50.00 stipend based on attendance of the entire session. Neither late arrivals nor early dismissals will be permitted.
  - **Registration:** Teachers should register for a session through *MyLearningPlan*. The evaluation through *MyLearningPlan* must be completed as a requirement to receive the \$50.00 stipend. **Please note: sessions are currently NOT available for registration; however, will be in the next few weeks.**
  - **Note:** Teachers are encouraged to bring a lap top or other device for viewing the materials during this professional development session.
- School administrators are welcome to attend these sessions.
- The sessions are open to all interested teachers. It is recommended that schools send teachers, as available to attend, to the three different middle grades sessions. **Participants MUST be scheduled to teach middle school social sciences in the aforementioned grade levels in order to attend.**
- Should you need additional information, please contact Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, [rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net](mailto:rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net) or see the contact information below.

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