

ALL ELEMENTARY 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 (Elementary), All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

Attachment(s): [M-DCPS Social Sciences- McGraw Hill K-2 Demo Access.pdf](#)
[M-DCPS Social Sciences TCI Grades 4 and 5 Demo Access.pdf](#)

To inform elementary 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 K-2, the series to be adopted is *Networks Florida Social Studies* published by McGraw-Hill.
 - Materials may be previewed via a special demonstration site established for M-DCPS. See attached PDF for access instructions.
- For grades 3-5, the series to be adopted is *Social Studies Alive!* published by Teacher’s Curriculum Institute (TCI).
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- **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 one of the sessions 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 workshop.
- School administrators are welcome to attend these sessions.
- K-2 sessions are for teachers in any of the grades K, 1, or 2. The sessions for grades 3-5 are

grade specific.

- The sessions are open to all interested teachers. It is recommended that schools send teachers, as available to attend, to the K-2 sessions and to the grade 3, 4 and/or 5 sessions. **Participants MUST be scheduled to teach elementary 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 or see the contact information below.

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