

# Miami-Dade County Public Schools



## Department of Social Sciences

### Engaging a Responsible Citizenry



### The K-12 Social Science Program

#### Elementary

Minimum required grade level minutes of instruction at the elementary level per week for Social Studies:

K-1: 60 minutes of social science instruction a week (this includes minutes for art and music).  
Content focus: K– Living, Learning ,and Working Together, 1st– Our Community and Beyond.

2-5: 120 minutes of social science instruction a week  
Content focus: 2nd– Who are We As Americans?,  
3rd– North American and the Caribbean,  
4th– Florida Studies, 5th– U.S. History.

#### Middle School Required Courses

6th Grade U.S. History, 7th Grade Civics,\* 8th Grade World History

#### High School Required Courses

9th grade World History, 11th grade U.S. History\*,  
12th grade U.S. Government (.5 credit), 12th grade Economics (.5 credit), and High School Personal Finance and Money Management.

\*Courses with required End of Course Assessment .

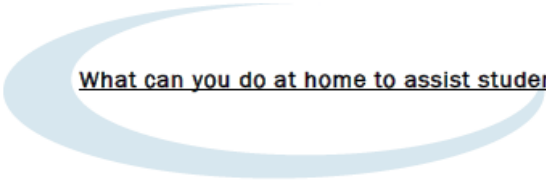
## GETTING OUR STUDENTS READY!

### Skills Students Need to Master through the Social Sciences

- Analyze primary and secondary sources of information;
- Interpret historical trends that span across multiple time periods; analyzing governmental and societal responses to society's changing needs.
- Evaluate social science content from political, economic, and social perspectives;
- Understanding the importance of geography on human interaction with one's environment .
- Understand, evaluate, and interpret graphic information (e.g., from charts).
- Understand and be able to explain the meaning of political cartoons.
- Draw conclusions from multiple pieces of complex information.
- Research and write about important social science trends and topics.
- **THINK LIKE A SOCIAL SCIENTIST! LOOK AT AND ANALYZE SOCIETAL ISSUES FROM MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES!**

## GETTING OUR STUDENTS READY

### Creating an Engaged Citizenry



#### What can you do at home to assist students?

Provide a quiet, organized place to study.

Talk to students about what they are learning in their social studies classes.

Encourage students to watch the news, read the newspaper, and ask “why or how” questions.

Help them to evaluate whether information they are reading, viewing, or listening to is credible.



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