

MIDDLE SCHOOL CIVICS MANDATE

WHAT ELSE IS NEW FOR 2007-2008?

- The new state social studies requirement (S. 1003.4156, F.S.) stipulates that students must complete three (3) middle school or higher year-long courses in social studies, one semester of which must include the study of state and federal government and civics education beginning with students entering grade 6 in 2006-2007. The mandate will be met by including the study of state and federal government and civics education in the current year-long eighth grade U.S. History course. Curriculum maps will be updated, lessons on BEEP will be adapted and/or added and a list of supplemental materials and/or Web sites will be provided to eighth grade U.S. history teachers to supplement the eighth grade U.S. history curriculum. Although eighth grade curriculum will not change until 2008-2009, information will be rolled out to teachers during the 2007-2008 school year.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- Please remind department chairs and eighth grade U.S. History teachers to read E-mail and check the Social Studies CAB Conference for information regarding the new mandate.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- The mandate will not be met.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- Grade eight U.S. History teachers
- Social studies department chairs
- Middle school administration and support staff

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- Additional information will be E-mailed to department chairs and/or posted on the Social Studies CAB Conference.

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