

## Middle School Civics Mandate

### WHAT'S NEW FOR 2008-2009?

- 🍏 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.  
In Broward County Public Schools, 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. This mandate will affect students entering the eighth grade in 2008-2009.
- 🍏 The Curriculum maps and lessons on BEEP include the Civics Standards.
- 🍏 The student and teacher edition of the Civics companion textbook to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade adopted text, The American Journey, can be found on BEEP.
- 🍏 A list of supplemental civics related web sites have been provided to eighth grade U.S. History teachers.
- 🍏 A training for U.S. History teachers was held in January to support 8<sup>th</sup> grade U.S. History teachers.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- 🍏 Please remind Department Chairs and Grade Eight U. S. History teachers to read email 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
- 🍏 Assistant Principals
- 🍏 Guidance Counselors

### HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- 🍏 Information will be emailed to Department Chairs and/or posted on the Social Studies CAB Conference.

## CONTACT

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