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A monthly newsletter for social studies educators

Updates from the Ohio Department of Education

Revised Model Curriculum update

[Ohio's Model Curriculum for Social Studies](#) that was approved in June by the State Board of Education, has been posted. [Transition Tools](#) are available. These include crosswalks and a [suggested timeline](#).

Release of spring 2019 Ohio's State Tests items

A release of items from the spring 2019 Ohio's State Tests in Social Studies now is available in the [Ohio's State Test portal](#). These items give educators insight into the kinds of questions students experienced, and they are a useful tool to inform classroom instruction. Both teachers and parents may use this resource to help students know what to expect. Included with each released item are the associated learning standard(s) and scoring rubric. Examples of student responses also are available to illustrate actual work and the corresponding points earned on the student examples.

- [American Government Item Release Scoring Guide](#)
- [American History Item Release Scoring Guide](#)

State organizations offering opportunities and resources

The Ohio Center for Law-Related Education's Law & Citizenship Conference offers opportunities to enhance citizenship education.

The [Ohio Center for Law-Related Education's Law & Citizenship Conference](#) is an annual statewide gathering of teachers, professors, lawyers, and other civic and law-related education professionals who come together to share curriculum, effective teaching strategies, best practices and the latest hot topic issues important to teachers. This annual conference will take place in Columbus on Monday, Sept. 23. The theme is *Tackling Tough Issues: Current Events and Controversy in the Classroom*. Join teachers, lawyers and other civic-education professionals to gather strategies and tips for addressing controversial issues with students. There will be several mock trial professional development workshops for new and experienced advisors.

- **Come to Constitution Camp**

The Ohio Center for Law-Related Education (OCLRE) will host a two-day *Constitution Camp* Oct. 28-29 to give teachers an in-depth look at teaching the principles of government, specifically separation of powers. Hear from content experts, leave with hands-on materials to enhance your teaching and learn about OCLRE programs *We the People* and *Moot Court* that will get your students excited about learning. For more information or registration, check out OCLRE's [Professional Development](#) page or contact Ryan Suskey at rsuskey@oclr.org or (614) 485-3506.

Ohio Council for the Social Studies holds fall conference

The theme for the 63rd Ohio Council for the Social Studies annual conference is *Local, National, Global: Connecting Communities and Cultures through Social Studies*. The conference will be held Oct. 14-15 at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, OH. Scheduled keynote speakers include Jim Obergefell, the lead plaintiff in a landmark U.S. Supreme Court case on marriage equality, and Mona Al-Hayani, the 2019 Ohio Teacher of the Year.

Other opportunities

The College Board offers professional development workshops

Course-specific [College Board workshops](#) provide educators with the best tools and techniques for teaching Advanced Placement courses. Participants learn concrete strategies for aligning their instruction with the goals of each course by reviewing course outlines, content-related resources, student exam samples, and scoring guidelines.

Gilder Lehrman offers online courses and teaching seminars

The [Gilder Lehrman Institute](#) offers a wide range of professional development opportunities in American history, from customized in-person training at a teacher's school with scholars and master teachers, to rigorous weeklong teacher seminars and online courses for contact hours and graduate credits.

9/11 Memorial Museum Anniversary in the Schools Webinar

Join students and teachers from around the world to commemorate the 18th anniversary of 9/11 by [registering](#) for the [9/11 Memorial & Museum's free Anniversary in the Schools webinar](#). Connect with museum staff and guest speakers to hear first-person stories about the attacks and recognize the importance of commemoration during this 35-minute program. For more information, visit the webinar website or contact Education Programs staff at:

anniversaryintheschools@911memorial.org.

The U.S. Census Bureau provides program to increase awareness of the 2020 Census

[Statistics in Schools \(SIS\)](#) is a U.S. Census Bureau program that uses census statistics to create classroom materials for grades pre-K through 12. Teachers and subject matter experts nationwide helped develop each Statistics in Schools activity to increase awareness of, and overall public response to, the decennial census. The Statistics in Schools program includes more than 200 activities and resources that enhance learning in a variety of subjects that engage administrators, teachers, students and their parents/guardians in public conversations about the census.

Resources

[Bringing Social Studies to Life With PBL](#)

A teacher transforms her third-grade unit on Native Americans into a semester-long, project-based learning unit.

[The Cherokee Response to Removal](#)

This lesson plan offers insight into the Cherokee experience during the native group's forced 19th-century relocation by the federal government in what became known as the "Trail of Tears."

[Exploring Media Literacy Education as a Tool for Mitigating Truth Decay](#)

This report is by the Rand Corporation.

[The Garbers: Using Digital History to Recreate a 19th-Century Family](#)

An online archive, "Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities during the American Civil War," provides primary sources for elementary students.

[Slavery Simulations: Just Don't](#)

The *Teaching in Tolerance* website provides explains why mock auctions—along with simulations of the Middle Passage—do more harm than good. It provides resources for teaching this history more effectively.

[Social Media in Education: Resource Toolkit](#)

This collection of blogs, articles and videos aims to help educators deploy social media tools to develop professionally, connect with parents and communities, and engage students in 21st-century learning.

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