

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Changes to standards and model curriculum are posted

In compliance with Am. Sub. Senate Bill 165, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) has revised and posted syllabi and model curriculum for the high school American History and American Government courses. ODE also has posted the revised model curricula for Grades 4 and 8. To access these, visit the *College and Career Ready (Ohio Revised) Standards in Social Studies* page or click [here](#). An FAQ can be accessed [here](#). Here are the changes:

- **American History**
Additional content statements and associated model curriculum entries will be found listed under the “Historic Documents” topic in the model curriculum, content statements 5-9.
- **American Government**
Additional content statements and associated model curriculum entries will be found listed under the:
“Basic Principles of the U.S. Constitution” topic, content statements 6, 8–13; and
“Ohio’s State and Local Governments” topic, content statement 18.
- **Grade 8**
There are no additional content statements. Additions were made to the model curriculum (i.e., content elaborations, instructional strategies, instructional resources or connections) for content statements 5, 6, 7, 20 and 21. An edit also was made to content elaboration for content statement 21.
- **Grade 4**
There are no additional content statements. Additions were made to the model curriculum (i.e., content elaborations, instructional strategies, instructional resources or connections) for content statements 2, 4, 5, 9, 15, 19, 20 and 21.

ODE unveils first in series of ePublications

ODE is converting a wide variety of documents to ePublication formats for easy viewing on popular electronic readers such as iPads and Kindles. The first items to be available on the [ODE ePublication Center](#) will be Ohio’s new Model Curriculum and Academic Content Standards. Each grade of the English Language Arts Model Curriculum and Academic Content Standards is already available, and the Social Studies ePubs will be posted in the coming days. Science and Mathematics will follow, and the page will be updated continually with new documents as they become available. A link is also available on the [ODE Mobile site](#) for those who access the Internet on mobile readers.

ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Please download and print revised diagnostic assessments

The Diagnostic Assessments developed by ODE have been revised to link to the Common Core State Standards. The revised Diagnostic Assessments will be posted [here](#) on the ODE website on **Aug. 1**.

Unfortunately, the Office of Curriculum and Assessment cannot replace the kits that were originally sent to districts due to budget restrictions. Districts will need to print the revised Diagnostic Assessments from the ODE website and use the manipulatives that were originally distributed. If a district has lost or discarded the kits, the manipulatives will need to be purchased by the district/school. For districts that added new classrooms or built a new school, or for newly opened community schools, a limited number of K-3 Diagnostic Assessments kits are available by contacting Paula Mahaley at (614) 466-0217 or paula.mahaley@education.ohio.gov.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

INFOhio offers Online Boot Camp on the Common Core

Join INFOhio online wherever you are Aug. 6-8, to work out with new tools to help meet the demands of the Common Core. Participants will learn how to design inquiry-based and interdisciplinary short-term and long-term research projects. They also will gain insights on helping students to develop their inquiry muscle and use the right tools to find complex text. Participate in simple exercises to build your “Core” strength and prepare to take a lead role in your district’s transition to the Common Core.

The boot camp is offered at no charge to Ohio school personnel. You can earn up to 15 contact hours or one hour of graduate credit. There is a \$130 charge to earn graduate credit. See the complete schedule of sessions and register [here](#).

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