

September 2019

CURRICULUM UPDATES

Middle School:

Links to curriculum frameworks that accompany the new standards have been posted to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teacher Schoolwires pages.

High School:

Links to curriculum frameworks that accompany the new standards have been posted to the WH&G, USG&C, USH&G, and ECON teacher Schoolwires pages.

All teacher Schoolwires pages have been updated to reflect new standards, delete outdated or irrelevant links, and add subject-relevant resources.



REMINDERS

There will be no 6th, 7th, or 8th grade Honors Mid-Term testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

Teachers may administer their own mid-term, but it should count as a regular test grade.

TNReady social studies testing will be operational for the 2019-2020 school year. Blueprints have been shared by TDOE and have been posted to the 6th, 7th, 8th, and USH&G teacher pages.

A WORD FROM OUR SUPERVISOR

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UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

September 5th: Constitution Day/Women's Suffrage

Join us for a fun-filled session led by your KCS Social Studies Department and Hannah Rexrode from the East TN History Center as we provide resources and lesson plans to use in your classroom to celebrate Constitution Day, Celebrate Freedom Week, and the centennial of Women's Suffrage. Register on My Learning Plan.

October 17th: Battle for the Ballot: An Inquiry-based Workshop on Women's Suffrage in Tennessee.

This is a workshop focused on the story of the women's suffrage movement and the important role Tennessee played in the ratification of the 19th Amendment. This workshop is designed for 8th grade, US History, and TN history teachers. Please register here. Submit an out-of-district PD request through My Learning Plan to receive KCS inservice credit.

MICROTEAMS

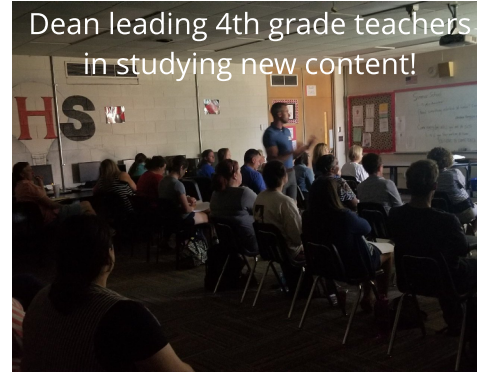
Like last year, district-wide support staff have been appointed to microteams to better serve our schools and teachers. Each secondary supervisor (Danny Trent, Sallee Reynolds, and one to be determined) has a designated team of content area supervisors and facilitators that will work with them to respond to the needs of schools and teachers across the district. There are also five elementary microteams. As a three-person social studies district team, we serve every elementary, middle, and high school in the district. With that service in mind, for the 2019-2020 school year, Katherine and Dean will be working primarily with secondary schools, and Kristin will be working primarily with elementary schools. However, you know you may call on any member of the social studies department-Katherine, Dean, or Kristin-for any social studies related need you may have.



SOCIAL STUDIES GETS IT DONE!



Kristin leading 3rd grade teachers in studying new content!



Dean leading 4th grade teachers in studying new content!



Medgar Evers' daughter, Reena Evers, at the 8th of August Jubilee!



6th grade teachers working hard during summer training!

We want to celebrate the great learning we see taking place in your classrooms everyday! Throughout the school year, as you are teaching and your students are learning and exploring social studies, share with your colleagues the good things that are happening in your schools. Send us pictures of your students engaging in the Social Studies Practices, digging into primary and secondary sources, analyzing, justifying, debating, creating, and being social scientists! We see these things happening everyday as we are visiting schools and classrooms-let your fellow social studies teacher share in your students' successes!

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