SOCIAL STUDIES OFFERINGS OF THE SDPDC

FOCUS:
- Grades 7-12 in the areas of:
  - Civics
  - Economics
  - Geography
  - History

SERVICES:
- Common Workshops that focus on social studies-specific professional development
  - Current trends in social studies
  - Available resources in social studies
  - Implementing Learning Focused® Solutions in lesson development
- Customized professional development
- Customized department assistance
  - Allow the department to identify their own needs
- Connect teachers in southern Delaware with social studies related programs
  - Project Citizen
  - We, the People
  - National History Day in Delaware
  - The Delaware High School Mock Trial Competition
  - Delaware State Museums
  - Connect to programs through the Delaware Geographic Alliance
  - Connect to programs through the Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship
- Data
  - Using data to guide instruction
  - Learning how to use available data from D.O.E. to identify areas of improvement

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• DSTP preparation
  o Integrating sample DSTP questions into lessons
• Develop common assessments
  o Creation and implementation of common assessments to better improve instruction
• Creating long-term student learning projects
• Specific actions to help teachers with students struggling with literacy
• Best practices with diverse learning styles (specific to social studies)
• Unit alignment to GLE’s and Standards
• Best practices in formative and summative assessments
• Availability to hundreds of social studies teaching websites/ resources
• Examination of current Delaware Department of Education initiatives
  o Focus on Self-assessment and evaluation
• Alignment to Standards
  o 502 Alignment
  o Connecting the Standards (Grades 6-8 and 9-12)
• AP program design/support
• Using technology in the social studies classroom
• Individual Teacher Support
  o Interpretation, Implementation, and Alignment of Standards
  o Open House Preparation
  o Teacher Observation Support
  o Parental Communication
  o Best practices
  o Classroom management
  o Provide sources for lesson plans
  o Link to University of Delaware resources in the social studies