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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
 - Integrating sample DSTP questions into lessons
- Develop common assessments
 - 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
 - Focus on Self-assessment and evaluation
- Alignment to Standards
 - 502 Alignment
 - Connecting the Standards (Grades 6-8 and 9-12)
- AP program design/support
- Using technology in the social studies classroom
- Individual Teacher Support
 - Interpretation, Implementation, and Alignment of Standards
 - Open House Preparation
 - Teacher Observation Support
 - Parental Communication
 - Best practices
 - Classroom management
 - Provide sources for lesson plans
 - Link to University of Delaware resources in the social studies

