

# Social Studies PLC eBlast

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Hello Everyone!

## **Act 35 Update**

The 2021-22 Act 35 reporting opened in the Future Ready Comprehensive Planning Portal (FRCPP) on September 14, 2022, with a deadline of December 1, 2022. Act 35 requirements began in the 2020-21 school year and requires each district, charter school, and comprehensive CTC to administer a locally developed assessment of United States history, government and civics. The assessment must be administered at least once to students in grades 7-12 and must include the nature, purpose, principles, and structure of United States constitutional democracy, the principles, operations and documents of United States government, and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

The data to be collected in the FRCPP system includes:

- Type of the assessment administered
- Total number of students who took the assessment
- Total number of students who attained a passing grade on the assessment
- Grade level or levels in which the assessment was administered
- Course or course in which the assessment was administered
- Number of students scoring 100% on the assessment

Gather this information in preparation for the upcoming collection. You can find more information on Act 35, including guidelines for accessing and submitting your data at [this page](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page and open the “Act 35 Reporting Guidelines” document. You may also find the “Frequently Asked Questions” document useful as well.

Note that if your charter school does not encompass grades 7-12, you are exempt from this submission. However, if your school includes at least one grade level 7-12, this legislation applies to your LEA. Submission is also required for IUs that provide civics instruction on behalf of their LEAs, as well as comprehensive CTC schools.

If you are experiencing issues where you are unable to submit after entering your data, please check that you have the proper “submit” role in the ADMIN area of FRCPP. If the Act 35 Civic Knowledge survey isn’t appearing when you log in, you are a registered user and you must be added by your localadmin user. The [FRCPP information page](#) may assist as you encounter submission issues.

## **Office of Elementary and Secondary Education Annual Calendar is available**

This calendar has been developed by Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) staff to assist Local Education Agencies (LEAs) in identifying the general timing of annual conferences, training opportunities, activities, report due dates, and grant due dates. You can view it [here](#).

## **Academic Standards for Economics Revision Opportunity**

PDE is soliciting volunteers to assist in reviewing and updating Family and Consumer Sciences, Economics, and Career Education and Work PA Academic Standards. If you are interested in participating in the process, please complete the application provided in the link [here](#). The deadline for applying is December 9, 2022.

## **Check out 1440**

1440 is the fastest way to an impartial point-of-view. The team at 1440 scours over 100+ sources so you don't have to. Culture, science, sports, politics, business, and everything in between -are available in a 5-minute read each morning - 100% free. [Sign up now!](#)

## **Allsides**

[AllSides](#) is a U.S. company that analyzes news as either being centrist or leaning left or right. They present articles from different perspectives allowing readers to see views from publications outside of their normal bubble.

## **Newsround: British Broadcasting Company for children**

[The home of news and fun facts for kids](#). Find out what is going on, with stories, pictures and videos. Try a quiz or one of their free games. Focuses on 6-12 year olds.

## **Financial Literacy Resources**

Jump\$tart: Don't miss the [Jump\\$tart Clearinghouse](#), an online library of financial education resources for teachers, parents, caregivers, and others committed to improving financial literacy for students. Check out their recent featured resource, [FoolProof Academy for High School](#), which contains over 22 hours of video-driven financial literacy instruction.

## **This Day in History**

A great way to start your social studies day! Get all the important events that happened in history in an email by subscribing [here](#).

## **National Council for Social Studies**

*The Social Studies Professional* — known as *TSSP* — is the official newsletter of National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS). *TSSP* features the latest teaching resources, news, and information about awards and grants. *TSSP* is an open-access resource that is posted on the NCSS website twice each month. [Sign up for TSSP here](#).

## **From the Bill of Rights Institute**

Critical Conversations: Civic Friendship, Divisive Topics, and Democratic Discourse. View the recorded webinar [here](#).

## **Institute for the Study of War**

The Institute for the Study of War advances an informed understanding of military affairs through reliable research, trusted analysis, and innovative education. They are committed to improving the nation's ability to

execute military operations and respond to emerging threats in order to achieve U.S. strategic objectives. ISW is a non-partisan, non-profit, public policy research organization. [Learn more here.](#)

### **New from the Rendell Center**

Check out the recordings of their 2021 free webinar series designed especially for teachers! Through this four-part series, you will not only gain Constitutional and Bill of Rights knowledge, but also methods to successfully educate your students on these areas in a meaningful way. [Watch them here.](#)

### **News Literacy Project**

News literacy is the ability to determine the credibility of news and other information and to recognize the standards of fact-based journalism to know what to trust, share and act on. The News Literacy Project is a nonpartisan education nonprofit building a national movement to create a more news-literate America.

Learn more about their resources [here.](#)

### **Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government for Kids**

Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government, a service of the Government Publishing Office (GPO), is designed to inform students, parents, and educators about the Federal Government, which issues the publications and information products disseminated by the GPO's Federal Depository Library Program. Explains in a kid-friendly manner how the U.S. government works; lessons are divided by grade level.

### **Presidential Primary Sources Project (PPSP) update**

#### **Register Today!**

Build critical thinking skills while sharing the presidents' stories with your students through live interactive videoconferencing and primary source documents.

### **[Sign up here for the 2023 Presidential Primary Sources Project \(PPSP\)](#)**

Whether you are a teacher, homeschool instructor, or curriculum planner of any kind, you can enhance learning for students as PPSP analyzes primary sources to learn about presidents like Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, and John F. Kennedy directly from National Park Service rangers and presidential historians in this free, live, interactive, web series - running from January-April of 2023.

### **Illinois Civics Hub Newsletter**

The Illinois Civics Hub has some great resources for teaching civics in your classroom. While some are tailored to Illinois-specific topics and requirements, many are not. Check out everything they have to offer [here.](#) Scroll to the bottom of the page to subscribe to their newsletter.

### **Power Library**

Check out the state-wide electronic resources from the State Library [here!](#)

Thank you for subscribing to the SAS Social Studies PLC and for all you do every day for the students in Pennsylvania!

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