

SOCIAL STUDIES COLLABORATIVE

Get to Know Us

We harness the collective wisdom of state, district and department social studies supervisors and consultants to explore opportunities and address challenges within the field of social studies. The Social Studies Collaborative's work focuses on identifying, sharing, and advocating for equitable access to high-quality educational resources that support student and professional learning through rigorous standards, engaging curriculum, balanced assessments, and effective professional development. The Collaborative also raises awareness of legislative trends and policy issues that are likely to impact social studies so that state leaders are equipped to plan for or respond effectively.

Benefits of Our Collaborative

The Social Studies Collaborative offers members access to high-quality professional learning facilitated by national experts, opportunities to contribute to important publications on social studies marginalization, and presentations on the important roles that social studies might play in advancing the content knowledge and literacies of all studies. Membership also grants you access to the latest research on social studies and civics education across the nation. Here are just a few highlights from last year's Collaborative sessions:

- Presentation by Rodney Robinson – social studies and 2019 National Teacher of the Year - on strategies that he has learned while working with his students to curtail the school-to-prison pipeline.
- Development of a Call for Comprehensive Civics Education infographic that highlights some notable achievements and shortcomings in civics education.
- Cross-Collaborative sessions with the English Language Arts (ELA) & Science Collaboratives to share expertise around disciplinary & content area literacy.

Our Focus in 2020-2021

We will be focused on our ongoing commitment to achieving equity in social studies education. We will also dive into lessons learned from COVID-19 closures and ways that social studies education is transformed in a post-pandemic era. We will also tap into our members' experiences and research relating to best practices for online and at-home learning with a goal to ultimately develop a quality resource rubric to evaluate social science resources for remote learning. We will continue to develop advocacy resources and strategies that help overcome the marginalization of social studies, particularly at the elementary level, so that all students benefit from high quality social studies education that prepares them effectively for civic life.

Here's Where You'll Find Us

For the 2020-2021 program year, meetings will be held in-person when possible, and virtually when necessary due to safety. Any in-person meetings will also include the option to participate virtually. The Social Studies Collaborative meeting dates and locations are not set yet but they will take place the:

- Week of September 28, 2021
- Week of January 25, 2021
- Week of May 24, 2021



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