



## Mississippi Department of Education

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#### Memorandum

To: District Superintendants  
Curriculum Coordinators  
Accredited Non-public School Administrators  
State Special School Administrators

From: Trecina Green, Bureau Director   
Office of Curriculum and Instruction

Date: August 14, 2009

RE: *2010 Mississippi U.S. History : Post-Reconstruction to Present Framework*  
Information on Civil Rights/Human Rights and Training Opportunities

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) recently announced that the newly revised *2010 Mississippi U.S. History: Post -Reconstruction to Present Framework* has been approved by the State Board of Education and is available on the MDE website at <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/ACAD/USHistory.pdf>. The title of the revised framework was changed because students in the course will examine major turning points in American history from the period following Reconstruction throughout the Twentieth Century and entering into the new millennium. The revised framework contains the newly created civil rights/human rights content strand as well as a culture strand that will serve to create more opportunities to engage students on subject matter and content that will help place history in multiple contexts and perspectives. This framework, created in conjunction with the Mississippi Civil Rights Education Commission, is the beginning of our efforts to integrate civil rights and human rights education in the K-12 social studies curriculum, as mandated by Senate Bill 2718 and MS Code 37-13-193, which was signed into law in 2006.

To assist school districts with implementing the new framework, the MDE, in collaboration with the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation, Teaching for Change, and the Mississippi Council on Economics Education (MCEE) will offer a full-day training on the newly revised framework with an emphasis on the civil rights/human rights and the economics content strands. The training will provide teachers with an overview of the framework, depth of knowledge, performance level descriptors, and sample test item specifications. In addition, the MCEE will offer an overview of resources developed by the Council for Economics Education that will focus on teaching economics concepts through U.S. History. The one-day training session will be offered at five different locations during 2009-2010 as indicated in the attached information. Continuing Education Units through Mississippi College will be available for this training. Registration may be completed online, using the "Go Sign Me Up" link on the Mississippi Department of Education webpage, <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us>. The registration application for each training session may be located by clicking on the "Curriculum" link. Each registered participant will be sent an e-mail confirming their registration immediately after enrollment.

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Additionally, the MDE is soliciting intent applications for school districts interested in piloting the new framework during 2009-2010 and participating in a pilot project offered by MDE in conjunction with The Fannie Lou Hamer National Institute on Citizenship and Democracy at Jackson State University and the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation at the University of Mississippi. The purpose of this pilot project is to provide training on the newly revised framework as well as civil rights educational content and pedagogy. Selected districts will receive primary source civil rights era documents and other educational resources such as a Mississippi civil rights history by county website project, a free DVD of a documentary on the Freedom Rides, access to presentations and training on oral histories, art and civil rights, support for starting after-school youth groups that address issues of civil/human rights, and technical assistance to help with specific needs that may arise. Attached is the application for the U. S. History Pilot Project. Applications are due no later than Friday, September 11, 2009, by fax to the Office of Curriculum and Instruction at (601) 359-2040.

For more information, contact Chauncey Spears, Social Studies Specialist, at 601-359-2586 or via e-mail at [crspears@mde.k12.ms.us](mailto:crspears@mde.k12.ms.us).

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Attachments

C: Dr. John Jordan, Dr. Kris Kaase, Textbook Publishers, Institutions of Higher Learning

## ***2010 U.S. History Post-Reconstruction to Present Framework Training Schedule***

The Mississippi Department of Education's (MDE) Office of Curriculum and Instruction is offering state-wide regional training for the *2010 U.S. History: Post-Reconstruction to Present* framework during the 2009-2010 school year. This one-day training will provide teachers with an overview of the framework, Depth of Knowledge, Performance Level Descriptors, and Test Item Specifications. This training will also include information on the newly created civil rights/human rights and economics content strands. Continuing Education Units through Mississippi College will be available for this training. Registration for this training may be completed online, using the "Go Sign Me Up" link on the Mississippi Department of Education webpage, <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us>. The registration application for each training session may be located by clicking on the "Curriculum" link. Each registered participant will be sent an e-mail confirming their registration immediately after enrollment. If, after registering for a session, a participant is unable to attend, he or she is asked to return to the "Go Sign Me Up" link to cancel the registration as soon as possible.

For more information, contact Chauncey Spears, Social Studies Specialist, at 601-359-2586 or via e-mail at [crspears@mde.k12.ms.us](mailto:crspears@mde.k12.ms.us).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Facility</b>
Wednesday, October 21, 2009	Jackson, MS	Universities Center Jackson State University 3825 Ridgewood Rd Jackson, MS
Thursday, October 22, 2009	Gulfport, MS	Harrison County School District Office-Board Room 11072 Highway 49 Gulfport, MS
Tuesday, February 23, 2010	Meridian, MS	Kahlmus Auditorium Mississippi State University Meridian Campus 1000 Highway 19 North Meridian, MS
Wednesday, February 24, 2010	Tupelo, MS	Advanced Learning Center Dining Hall University of Mississippi Tupelo Campus 1918 Briar Ridge Rd Tupelo, MS
Thursday, February 25, 2010	Cleveland, MS	Ewing Hall Jacobs Conference Center Delta State University 1003 W. Sunflower Road Cleveland, MS

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION  
U.S. HISTORY PILOT PROJECT 2009 APPLICATION OF INTENT**

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ District Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

School District Person Completing Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle Congressional District: 1 2 3 4

Number of high schools interested in participating in the pilot project: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of U.S. History teachers interested in participating in the pilot project: \_\_\_\_\_

What impact do you hope that the new emphasis on civil rights/human rights education in the U.S. History course will have on your learning community?

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What are some possible plans of the District for the use of the resources (a free DVD of a documentary on the Freedom Rides, access to presentations and training on oral histories, support for starting after-school youth groups that address issues of civil/human rights, etc.) provided in the pilot training?

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**Required Signatures**

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Superintendent Date

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School District Contact Person Date

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