



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

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Alabama
State Board
of Education

MEMORANDUM

Governor Kay Ivey
President

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

Jackie Zeigler
District I
Vice President

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

Tracie West
District II

RE: 2021 Social Studies State Course of Study Committee Nominations

Stephanie Bell
District III

In January 2021, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) will begin working to review and revise the *2010 Alabama Course of Study: Social Studies*. To accomplish this task, a State Course of Study Committee will be appointed.

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV
President Pro Tem

As required by §16-35-1, *Code of Alabama, 1975*, the Alabama State Board of Education appoints 21 of the 28 members of a State Course of Study Committee, and members serve for one year. The law also states that local boards of education, through superintendents, shall nominate persons qualified to serve on a State Course of Study Committee. Your assistance is requested in the nomination of K-12 educators for consideration of appointment to this committee.

Tommie T. Stewart, Ph.D.
District V

Once appointed, the committee will convene to prepare the 2021 version of the *Alabama Course of Study: Social Studies*. When this work is completed, the Social Studies State Course of Study Committee recommends to the Alabama State Board of Education the standards in this content area for Alabama's K-12 public schools.

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.
District VI

Membership on the Alabama Social Studies State Course of Study Committee requires a commitment to attending in-person and virtual meetings and collaborating with a diverse group of educational professionals and stakeholders. Although the ALSDE will reimburse travel expenses, the school districts are expected to ensure that teachers are allowed leave time to attend the meetings.

Jeff Newman
District VII

Because some of the State Course of Study Committee meetings will take place virtually and will require a secure virtual workspace, it is vital that school districts be open to working with the ALSDE to set permissions that accommodate the Schoology learning management system.

Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.
District VIII

In talking with potential appointees, it may be important to indicate the committee's meeting dates and locations (**Enclosure A**), the travel commitment, and the payment of per diem and mileage according to state rates (**Enclosure B**).

Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
Secretary and
Executive Officer

Nominations in the following categories are needed for this committee:

**CATEGORIES FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES
COURSE OF STUDY COMMITTEE**

1. Elementary Classroom Teachers: Persons currently teaching elementary (Grades K-6) Social Studies.
2. Secondary Classroom Teachers: Persons currently teaching secondary (Grades 7-12) Social Studies.
3. Supervisors and/or Administrators: Persons having knowledge of or previous teaching experience in the field of Social Studies with overall curriculum responsibility for instruction in this content area, such as elementary principals, secondary principals, supervisors, and/or assistant superintendents of instruction.

Once the form is completed, please email it to Mrs. Cathy Jones at cjones01@alsde.edu. For each person nominated, the law also requires that credentials and a summary of qualifications be submitted. **Please provide the nominees with the weblink to the 2021 Social Studies COS Committee Credentials Form at <https://forms.gle/KsuoJzJyfNrRTsTT6> to complete information related to their education and work history.** Please ensure that all forms are completed and submitted no later than **August 28, 2020**. Any questions regarding the nomination process may be addressed to Mrs. Jones via email at cjones01@alsde.edu or telephone at (334) 694-4768.

Course of study development involves a commitment of both time and effort; therefore, attendance at all meetings is essential. Proposed meeting dates and locations (**Enclosure A**) are enclosed for your information and for those whom you nominate.

EGM:CJ:DM

Enclosures

cc: Dr. Daniel Boyd
Dr. Elisabeth Davis
Mr. Sean J. Stevens
Mrs. Cathy Jones

FY20-2108

**2021 Social Studies
State Course of Study Committee and Task Force**

PROPOSED MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

January 12, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
January 13, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery
February 2, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
February 3, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery
March 2, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
March 3, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery or Virtual
April 13, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
April 14, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery or Virtual
May 11, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
May 12, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery or Virtual
June 15, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
June 16, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
June 17, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery or Virtual
July 13, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
July 14, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
July 15, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery or Virtual
August 31, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
September 1, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery or Virtual
September 29, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
September 30, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery
November 2021 (TBA)	Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery
December 2021 (TBA)	Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery

PER DIEM AND MILEAGE RATES

<i>IF A PERSON LIVES ...</i>	<i>...In Montgomery</i>	<i>...Within a 100-Mile Radius of Montgomery</i>	<i>...Outside a 100-Mile Radius of Montgomery</i>
PER DIEM FOR 6 TO 12 HOURS	_____	\$12.75	\$12.75
PER DIEM FOR OVER 12 HOURS	_____	\$34.00	\$34.00
PER DIEM FOR OVERNIGHT	_____	_____	\$85.00 (1 night) \$100.00 (2 nights or more)
MILEAGE	<i>Currently \$0.575 per mile for private car mileage from home to the meeting site (according to ALSDE mileage chart)</i>		

SYSTEM NAME _____

**2021 SOCIAL STUDIES STATE COURSE OF
STUDY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS FORM**

LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM EDUCATORS

ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM TEACHERS*

Persons Currently Teaching Grades K-6 Social Studies

NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE(S)	SUBJECT

SECONDARY CLASSROOM TEACHERS*

Persons Currently Teaching Grades 6-12 Social Studies

NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE(S)	SUBJECT

SUPERVISORS/ADMINISTRATORS

Persons with Knowledge or Previous Teaching Experience in Social Studies or Curriculum Responsibility for Social Studies Instruction (Elementary or Secondary Principals, Supervisors, and/or Assistant Superintendents of Instruction)

NAME	SCHOOL/OFFICE NAME	GRADE(S) SUPERVISED

*Nominations for Grade 6 teachers may be included in either category.

The educator(s) listed are nominated for appointment to the 2021 Social Studies State Course of Study Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT NAME _____

SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE AUGUST 28, 2020. PLEASE EMAIL THE SIGNED NOMINATIONS TO:

MRS. CATHY JONES
EMAIL cjones01@alsde.edu