



St. Johns County School District
Annual Professional Learning Conference

September 25, 2026

Secondary Social Studies

Location: Bartram Trail High School



Welcome and Opening Keynote

Meeting the Moment: Fostering Civil Discourse and Building Classroom Communities

8:00-10:00

Location: Auditorium

Choice Session 1

10:15-11:15

Various Locations

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Lunch

11:15–12:45

Afternoon Sign-In

12:45-1:00

Choice Session 2

1:00-1:45

Various Locations

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Choice Session 3

1:50-2:35

Various Locations

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Collaborative PLC Time

2:40-3:25

Various Locations

Session and Audience	Audience	Location	Presenter
Choice Session 1: 10:15-11:15			
Cultivating an Evergreen Space to Build a Consistent Practice for Classroom Discourse	SS 6-12	N-201	Sphere Education
Getting the Most Out of Your Nat Geo Cengage Textbook Resources	SS 6-12	N-223	Nat Geo Cengage
Intro to Your Personal Finance Textbook and Resources	Personal Finance teachers	N-224	McGraw Hill
Making Economics Engaging	Economics teachers	N-226	Florida Council on Economic Education
New to the High School U.S. History Course	Teachers New to Standard and Honors High School U.S. History	N-227	Laura Wynn
SJCSD: Beyond the Tool: Using MagicSchool with Purpose	SS 6-12	N-133	Instructional Resources and Media Services
SJCSD: From Breaking Barriers to Breakthroughs: Differentiating for Students with Autism	SS 6-12	N-132	ESE Program Specialist
Structured Academic Controversy	SS 6-12	N-131	FDOE Team
Choice Session 2: 1:00-1:45			
Capture the Flag in the Classroom	SS 6-12	N-131	FDOE Team
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Intro to National History Day (NHD)	SS 6-12	N-227	Florida History Day
Making Personal Finance Engaging	Personal Finance teachers	N-226	Florida Council on Economic Education
Nat Geo Cengage Textbook Resource Essentials	SS 6-12	N-223	Nat Geo Cengage
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Capture the Flag in the Classroom	SS 6-12	N-131	FDOE Civics Literacy Team
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Helping Students Build Historical Arguments	SS 6-12	N-227	Florida History Day
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Getting the Most Out of Your Nat Geo Cengage Textbook Resources Nat Geo Cengage	Already using the Nat. Geo./Cengage textbook? Come discover the features, tools, and resources that can take your instruction to the next level!	SS 6-12
Intro to Your Personal Finance Textbook and Resources McGraw Hill	All Standard and Honors Personal Finance and Money Management teachers will receive training on their new textbook and resources.	Personal Finance teachers
Making Economics Engaging Economics teachers	Learn hands-on, real-world content activities to use in the Economics classroom.	Florida Council on Economic Education
New to the High School U.S. History Course Laura Wynn	Review the FDOE U.S. History EOC Assessment Test Item Specifications, district curriculum map and pacing guide, and other newly available resources.	Teachers New to Standard and Honors High School U.S. History
SJCSD: Beyond the Tool: Using MagicSchool with Purpose Instructional Resources and Media Services	Explore practical ways to use MagicSchool intentionally to support planning, instruction, and student learning. Participants will discover strategies for using AI with purpose while keeping strong instructional practices, teacher expertise, and student needs at the center.	All

SJCSD: From Barriers to Breakthroughs: Differentiating for Students with Autism ESE Program Specialist	Students with autism often face unique challenges that can impact their engagement, learning, and independence in the classroom. This interactive session will explore practical strategies for identifying and removing barriers to learning through purposeful differentiation and effective scaffolding. Participants will learn how to support communication and executive functioning, increase student participation, and promote meaningful access to grade-level content. Through real-world examples educators will leave with actionable tools to create more inclusive learning environments and foster greater success for students with autism.	All
Structured Academic Controversy FDOE Team	Learn how to foster student inquiry and promote civil discourse through a Structured Academic Controversy model.	SS 6-12
Session 2: 12:45-1:45		
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Intro to National History Day (NHD) Florida History Day	Explore the National History Day program and discover how it engages students through research, inquiry, and critical thinking. Learn how to bring NHD opportunities to your classroom or extracurricular club.	SS 6-12
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Structured Collaboration/PLC Locations

Middle School	Location
World History	N-201
U.S. History	N-218
Civics	N-202
High School	Location
AP Human Geography	N-240
AP World History	N-241
AP U.S. History	N-237
AP Economics	N-226
AP U.S. Government	N-238
AP Psychology/Psychology	N-227
IB Teachers	N-223
AICE Teachers	N-224
Standard/Honors U.S. History	N-212
Standard/Honors World History	N-213
Standard/Honors Econ./Fin. Lit.	N-209
Standard/Honors U.S. Government	N-210