

Social Studies Teacher Leader Guidance for Interview

The following is preparation for your interview:

1. You will be asked to answer an initial question regarding your educational/professional background. You should be prepared to share your leadership experiences (e.g. department head; teacher leader; membership/leadership in professional organizations; local, state or national presentations, etc.).
2. You will be required to give a 30 minute power point presentation to the interview team (as if we were Providence School Department Social Studies teachers) regarding the need for a core curriculum and uniform course sequence. You must demonstrate within your presentation an understanding of: (1) the Board's Aligned Instruction System policy; (2) research regarding district implementation of core curriculum (e.g. reports from Aspen Institute such as [Transforming High School Teaching and Learning: A District-wide Design](#)); (3) research on college readiness (e.g. *Measures that Measure* from the Education Trust or *ACT Rigor at Risk* reports); (4) Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) *A Standards Based Guide for Social Studies Programs in Rhode Island Schools* paying particular attention to the document's references to/recommendations from the National Commission on the Social Studies in the School's Curriculum Report: *Charting a Course: Social Studies for the 21st Century*; and (5) K-12 Social Studies content and pedagogy.
3. Interview team members will ask questions regarding the power point from the vantage point of Social Studies teachers.
4. You will be required to address how you plan to work collaboratively with teachers to support effective, research-based instructional practices.
5. You will be required to address your comfort level and expertise in coaching colleagues.
6. You should also **bring** a writing sample to the interview (8 copies). The writing should be a letter to parents explaining the new core curriculum and how it supports high achieving students, students at grade level, as well as struggling students.

Please contact Kim Luca @ Kimberly.Luca@ppsd.org should you have questions.