

# New Social Studies Leader Survival Kit

## Top Ten Survival Tips 2019

1. Familiarize yourself with the Social Studies resources at [Georgiastandards.org](https://www.georgiastandards.org).  
<https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Pages/Social-Studies.aspx>
2. Join the Social Studies Leadership PLC at [www.edweb.net](http://www.edweb.net) and explore all the resources for leaders within the online area. Detailed directions for joining may be found at:  
**Grade Level/Course Specific Professional Learning with Virtual Specialists**—Introducing a new FREE online professional learning community exclusively for Georgia educators. The Georgia DOE has created course and grade level specific Professional Learning Communities, led by Virtual Specialists, where educators from across the State can connect with each other to share experiences, resources, lesson plans, and instructional activities.
  - o [Join the Online Community](#)
  - o [Schedule for Monthly Webinars](#)
3. Attend regular Social Studies Leadership webinars and view past archived episodes. The first webinar for 2019-2020 will be on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 10:00 AM. Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5392252812624709645>
4. Get to know Joy Hatcher and JoAnn Wood and Jennifer Zoumberis. [jhatcher@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:jhatcher@doe.k12.ga.us)  
[jwood@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:jwood@doe.k12.ga.us) [jzoumberis@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:jzoumberis@doe.k12.ga.us)
5. Attend GaDOE Social Studies workshops when they are in your geographical area. For current workshops see <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/Social-Studies.aspx> While you're at this page, explore the additional resources and information located there.
6. Follow GaDOE Social Studies on social media.  
[Twitter](#) @GaDOE\_SS  
[Facebook](#) GADOE Social Studies  
[Instagram](#) gadoesocialstudies
7. Ask an experienced leader to mentor you. See the Curriculum Directors List – developed by Chris Cannon at GCEE. If you are your district's or RESA's Social Studies leader, contact Chris to be added to the directory. Chris's email is [ccannon11@gsu.edu](mailto:ccannon11@gsu.edu).
8. If possible, attend the Social Studies Supervisor Meetings held several times yearly. For more information email JoAnn at [jwood@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:jwood@doe.k12.ga.us)
9. Find out about the Georgia Council for the Social Studies and attend the annual conference, held at the Classics Center in Athens in October of each year. The 2019 conference will be October 10 - 11. Find out more at: <http://www.gcss.net/site/page/view/annualconference>
10. Find out about the National Council for Social Studies and attend the annual conference. In 2019, the conference is Nov. 22 – 24 in Austin, TX. Find out more at: <https://www.socialstudies.org/conference>