

President

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Qualifications:

Timothy E. Hicks is a graduate of Furman University (BA in History) and the University of South Carolina (MAT in History; Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction). Nationally-board certified in Early Adolescence/Social Studies-History (2002-2022), he has taught at Dent Middle School in Columbia since 1994. Currently, he is teaching eighth grade South Carolina and United States history in The Learning Collaborative, the district's oldest middle school academic magnet program. A mock trial coach for 25 years, a teacher and judge in National History Day, a school department leader, an intern and new teacher mentor, and a Master Teacher at the 2023 White House History Teacher Institute, Dr. Hicks has presented over 80 times at the district, state, and national levels. He is a primary author of The South Carolina Journey, a textbook used in most districts across the state, as well as curriculum available at the South Carolina Department of Education. He serves as the President-Elect of the South Carolina Council for the Social Studies, the state's largest professional organization for history teachers.

What are the major issues that you believe Social Studies faces today?

The teaching of Social Studies has taken on increase importance. The rapid development of technology - cell phones, the internet, and artificial intelligence to name a few - has made our already globally-interconnected world feel even smaller. At home, we find our democratic process increasingly divided and civil discourse often forgotten. It is our job to develop this next generation of young people to be responsible and empathetic citizens ready to address complex challenges. The South Carolina Council for the Social Studies wants to do its part to help teachers meet this call. We ask you to join us as members and in leadership to promote and support the teaching of Social Studies in the Palmetto state.