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History Alive! is a pedagogical approach that consists of six teaching strategies that are based on the following premises:

- Students have different learning styles so instruction should incorporate many ways of learning.
- Cooperative interaction increases learning and improves social skills. Instruction should incorporate multiple opportunities for students to discuss content.
- Instruction should be implemented to reach all the learners in the classroom.

The History Alive! (grades 6-12) and Social Studies Alive! (K-5) strategies were developed by the Teacher’s Curriculum Institute in Palo Alto, California¹. Instructional materials have also been developed to align with the strategies. APS professional learning has focused on training in strategy implementation; instructional materials have been purchased when appropriate.

Since 2000, the APS Social Studies Office has offered History Alive!/Social Studies Alive! Level 1 training each summer through a week-long institute. Every few years, a Level 2 training is also offered. During the same time period, the Social Studies Office has offered one to two full-day workshops during the school year, primarily for elementary teachers. Traditionally, approximately 25-30 teachers attend each of these one day workshops. History Alive! training has also been offered to administrators, and several elementary schools have implemented school-wide History Alive! training. The data in this report reflects the number of teachers who have participated in the full-week training institutes.

Table 1 shows the total number of teachers who have participated in the week-long History Alive! training at each level since 2000. The “alternative program” category includes Arlington Mill, Career Center, Parenting Teens, Langston, and New Directions. Note that this table represents the total number of APS teachers who have participated, not the total number of *current* APS teachers who are trained.

Table 1: Number of Teachers who Have Participated in History Alive! Training since 2000, by Level

Level of History Alive! Training	School Level	N
Level 1	Elementary	327
	Middle School	69
	High School	77
	Alternative Program	8
Level 2	Elementary	53
	Middle School	34
	High School	31
	Alternative Program	3

¹ www.teachtci.com