

## Social Studies Newsletter



Thank you for subscribing to the TEA social studies newsletter.

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- **Texas Historical Commission: The Smithsonian Comes to Texas**

## Celebrate Freedom Week

Celebrate Freedom Week ([TEC § 29.907](#)) coincides with Constitution Week, established by the U.S. Congress ([36 USC §106](#)) to encourage all Americans to learn about the Constitution. Both Celebrate Freedom Week and Constitution Week focus on September 17, the date in 1787 when delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution.

During the Celebrate Freedom Week, Texas schools highlight the values and ideals on which the United States was founded as well as the sacrifices that were made for freedom in the founding of the country. Students learn about the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights. Students also examine the relationship between the ideas in these documents and subsequent American history.

The [TEA Celebrate Freedom Week web page](#) provides resources that include a variety of lessons, activities, and instructional materials for Celebrate Freedom Week and Constitution Day.

## Timely Topic: September 11, 2001 Commemoration

The 9/11 terrorist attacks killed 2,977 people and injured thousands at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Commemorative events are held at all three sites on the anniversary of the attacks. The 9/11 Memorial & Museum, the George W. Bush Presidential Library are committed to providing students and teachers the tools to understand what happened on 9/11 and how the attacks continue to impact our lives. To access student and teacher resources, visit the [9/11 Memorial & Museum](#) and the [George W. Bush Presidential Library](#).

## Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year, from September 15 to October 15, we celebrate the history and cultural contributions of Hispanic Americans in the United States. Students learn about the contributions in science, arts, literature, and culture of Hispanics throughout American history.

The TEA has created a web page focused on providing resources for [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) that include instructional materials, activities, and lessons that can be used to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and to support instruction in Mexican American Studies.

## October Stakeholder Engagement Sessions

### Topic: Social Studies Office Hours

**Target Audience:** Social Studies Stakeholders—Teachers, District Administrators, Campus Administrators, Education Service Center Specialists, Parents, Professional Organizations

**Session Description:** The TEA social studies team in the Curriculum Standards Division will be available for questions and discussion focused on social studies. This session will not have a formal TEA presentation and participants will be able to come and go as their schedule permits.

### Date & Times

Monday, October 14 @ 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. [Registration Link](#)

Tuesday, October 15 @ 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. [Registration Link](#)

## Texas State Board of Education Meeting, September 10–13

The next meeting of the State Board of Education (SBOE) will occur September 10–13, 2024. An agenda is published prior to each meeting. The TEA provides meeting webcasts for people interested in watching from a computer or device. Archived webcasts are also available. To access these SBOE meeting resources, please visit the [SBOE web page](#).

## Revised Social Studies TEKS Are Now Implemented for the 2024–2025 School Year

**REMINDER:** Revised social studies TEKS adopted in 2022 are now implemented for the 2024–2025 school year.

The web-based version of the current social studies Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), which are the state standards for what students should know and be able to do, are available in [Chapter 113 of the Texas Administrative Code](#). You can also access a [PDF version of the TEKS](#).

## Social Studies Assessed Curriculum Documents Update

The social studies assessed curriculum documents were updated to incorporate the [revisions made by the State Board of Education in 2022](#). These documents are now available on the [Social Studies STAAR Resources](#) page of the TEA website. These documents are now in effect to align with the implementation into the classroom for the 2024-2025 school year. The revisions are as follows:

- Inclusion of 8.5B
- Inclusion of 8.7C
- Adjusted number/letters of SEs under knowledge and skills statements 5 and 7 for grade 8
- Adjusted language in 8.17A and 8.24A
- Adjusted language in USH 8F and 9F
- Removed social studies skills strand (As previously announced, assessment questions will not be written to this strand.)

Questions written to the new content are scheduled to be field-tested in Spring 2026 and be operational in Spring 2027.

If you have any questions regarding the announcement from assessment, please submit them to the [Assessment Help Desk](#).

## TEA Resources for the Revised Social Studies TEKS

TEA has developed resources to support the implementation of the revised social studies standards. The skills matrices provide a detailed look at the social studies skills strand by grade band (Kindergarten – Grade 5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9–12). Each grade level/course TEKS crosswalk provides a summary of the TEKS revisions and shows the differences between the 2018 TEKS and the 2022 TEKS being implemented in the 2024-2025 school year.

You can access these resources in the table above or under the “Social Studies TEKS Resources” section of the [TEA social studies web page](#).

Course	TEKS	Crosswalks	Skills Matrices
Kindergarten	<a href="#">§113.11 Social Studies, Kindergarten, Adopted 2022</a>	<a href="#">Kindergarten 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk</a>	<a href="#">Elementary Skills 2024-2025 Skills Matrix</a>
Grade 1	<a href="#">§113.12 Social Studies, Grade 1, Adopted 2022</a>	<a href="#">Grade 1 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk</a>	
Grade 2	<a href="#">§113.13 Social Studies, Grade 2, Adopted 2022</a>	<a href="#">Grade 2 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk</a>	
Grade 3	<a href="#">§113.14 Social Studies, Grade 3, Adopted 2022</a>	<a href="#">Grade 3 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk</a>	
Grade 4	<a href="#">§113.15 Social Studies, Grade 4, Adopted 2022</a>	<a href="#">Grade 4 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk</a>	
Grade 5	<a href="#">§113.16 Social Studies, Grade 5, Adopted 2022</a>	<a href="#">Grade 5 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk</a>	<a href="#">Middle School 2024-2025 Skills Matrix</a>
Grade 6	<a href="#">§113.18 Social Studies, Grade 6, Adopted 2022</a>	<a href="#">Grade 6 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk</a>	
Grade 7	<a href="#">§113.19 Social Studies, Grade 7, Adopted 2022</a>	<a href="#">Grade 7 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk</a>	
Grade 8	<a href="#">§113.20 Social Studies, Grade 8, Adopted 2022</a>	<a href="#">Grade 8 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk</a>	

Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits	<a href="#">§113.31 Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits, High School (One-Half Credit), Adopted 2022</a>	<a href="#">Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits 2024-2025 TEKS Crosswalk</a>	<a href="#">High School 2024-2025 Skills Matrix</a>
United States History Studies Since 1877	<a href="#">§113.41 United States History Studies Since 1877 (One Credit), Adopted 2022</a>	<a href="#">United States History Studies Since 1877 2024-2025 TEKS Crosswalk</a>	
World History Studies	<a href="#">§113.42 World History Studies (One Credit), Adopted 2022</a>	<a href="#">World History Studies 2024-2025 TEKS Crosswalk</a>	
World Geography Studies	<a href="#">§113.43 World Geography Studies (One Credit), Adopted 2022</a>	<a href="#">World Geography Studies 2024-2025 TEKS Crosswalk</a>	
United States Government	<a href="#">§113.44 United States Government (One-Half Credit), Adopted 2022</a>	<a href="#">United States Government 2024-2025 TEKS Crosswalk</a>	

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### **Texas Historical Commission: The Smithsonian Comes to Texas**

The Texas Historical Commission has selected seven rural Texas communities to host a travelling Smithsonian exhibit that takes a close look at the evolution of rural America in the last century. The tour began in August and runs through the summer of 2025 with a six-week stop at each location. To see a list of the seven Texas communities and tour schedule, visit the [Texas Historical Commission website](#).

**Thank you for your commitment to serving Texas students.**

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