



SOCIAL STUDIES UPDATE

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Agenda



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Program Changes: STAAR

For each test administration

- ⚡ One test for Grade 8/one test for U.S. history
- ⚡ Tests available in online or paper format
- ⚡ Both online and paper formats can be accommodated
- ⚡ No change to the types of Designated Supports available for social studies

Designated support documents contain eligibility criteria

(<http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/accommodations/>)



Designated Supports Available for Social Studies*

Amplification Devices	Manipulating Test Materials	Individualized Structured Reminders	Content Supports**
Braille	Basic Transcribing	Extra Time	Language and Vocabulary Supports**
Large Print	Photocopy***	Extra Day***	Oral Administration paper test – human reader online format – TTS reads
Projection Devices			Supplemental Aids mnemonics, blank organizers, blank maps, unlabeled timelines

* Bilingual dictionary is included on the list of Accessibility Features available to all students

** Delivered through the online delivery system. To receive these accommodations students must test online.

*** Requires TEA approval



Accessibility Features Relevant to Social Studies*

Available to all students who routinely use them
no eligibility criteria
no decision making group or documentation required

Signing

Translating directions

Read aloud to self

Scratch paper

Colored overlays (color settings on online tests)

Place markers

Magnifiers (zoom on online tests)

Highlighters

Stress balls, headphones

Individual or small group

Reminders to stay on task

Bilingual dictionary

Program Changes: Performance Standards

		Passing		
	Did Not Meet Grade Level	Approaches Grade Level	Meets Grade Level	Masters Grade Level
Grade 8	Below 3550	3550	4000	4268
U.S. History	Below 3550*	3550*	4000	4440
*For EOC students who began testing in the 2015 or earlier this number is 3500.				

Social Studies Assessments

2017 Calendar											
January 2017						February 2017					
N°	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	N°	S	M	T
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	5			1
2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	5	6	7
3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	7	12	13	14
4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	8	19	20	21
5	29	30	31					9	26	27	28
March 2017						April 2017					
N°	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	N°	S	M	T
9				1	2	3	4	13			
10	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	14	2	3	4
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	15	9	10	11
12	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	16	17	18
13	26	27	28	29	30	31		17	23	24	25
May 2017						June 2017					
N°	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	N°	S	M	T
19						6		23			
20						7		24			
21						8		25			
22						9		26			
July 2017						August 2017					
N°	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	N°	S	M	T
26						1		31			
27	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	32	6	7	8
28	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	33	13	14	15
29	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	34	20	21	22
30	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	35	27	28	29
31	30	31									
September 2017						October 2017					
N°	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	N°	S	M	T
35						1	2	40	1	2	3
36	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	41	8	9	10
37	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	42	15	16	17
38	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	43	22	23	24
39	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	44	29	30	31
November 2017						December 2017					
N°	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	N°	S	M	T
44						1	2	48			
45	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	49			
46	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	50			
47	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	51			
48	26	27	28	29	30			52			

Grade 8

Administration Date: May 11

U.S. History

Administration Windows: May 1-5
June 19-23
December 4-8



Social Studies Assessments



Enrolled grade 8 students take the Grade 8 Social Studies assessment unless they are -

- receiving above-grade-level instruction and taking the U.S. History EOC
- receiving above-grade-level instruction and have already taken the Grade 8 Social Studies assessment



Students in grades 7 and below who are receiving instruction in the Grade 8 curriculum take the Grade 8 Social Studies assessment.



Students enrolled in *U.S. History Since 1877* take the U.S. History EOC no matter what their enrolled grade.





Grade 8 Revision Effective May 2017

- ⚡ Required by HB 743
- ⚡ Total test length reduced (reduced from 60 to 50)
 - Questions that count in the test score (reduced from 52 to 44)
 - Field test items (reduced from 8 to 6)
- ⚡ No change to Assessed Curriculum

Revised Grade 8 Blueprint

STAAR Grade 8 Social Studies Blueprint

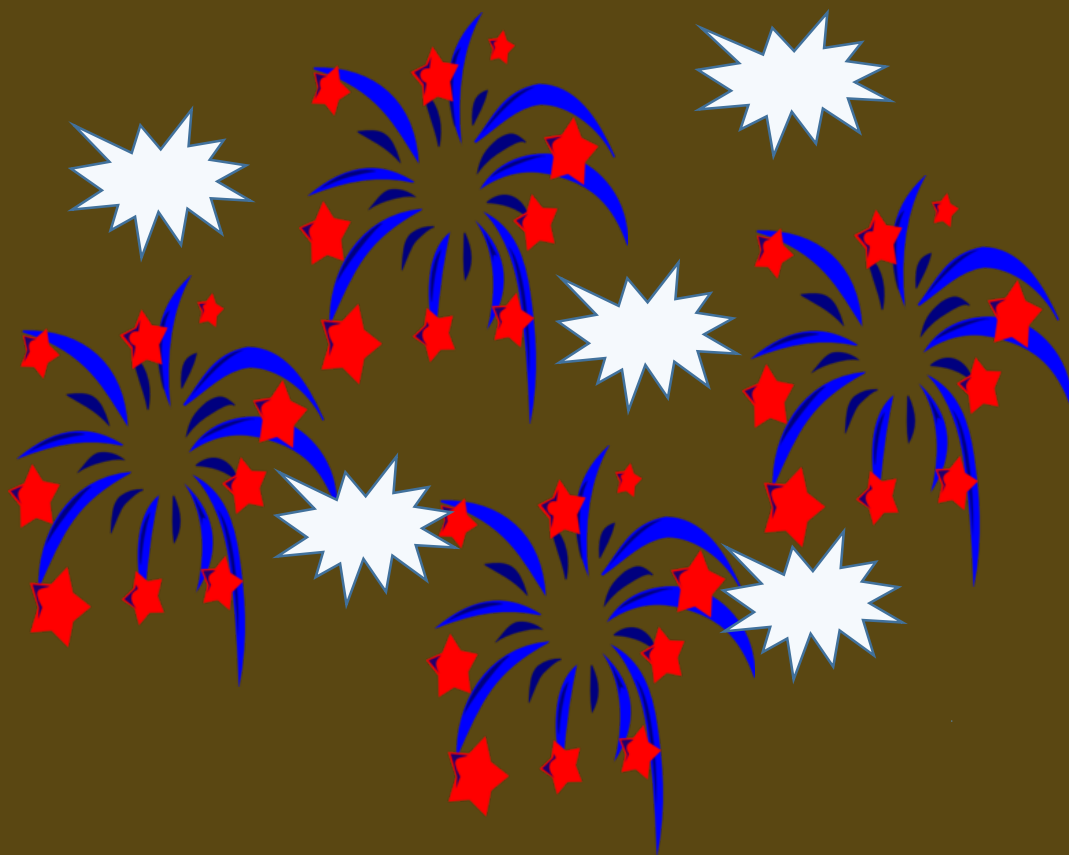


Social Studies Skills is not a separate reporting category. These skills will be incorporated into at least 30% of the test questions from reporting categories 1–4 and will be identified along with the content standards.

Reporting Categories			Number of Standards		Number of Questions		Original Blueprint
							Number of Questions
Reporting Category 1: History	Readiness Standards	15		17			20
	Supporting Standards	21					
	Total	36					
Reporting Category 2: Geography and Culture	Readiness Standards	6		10			12
	Supporting Standards	13					
	Total	19					
Reporting Category 3: Government and Citizenship	Readiness Standards	10		10			12
	Supporting Standards	13					
	Total	23					
Reporting Category 4: Economics, Science, Technology, and Society	Readiness Standards	5		7			8
	Supporting Standards	9					
	Total	14					
Readiness Standards	Total Number of Standards	36	60%–65%	26–29	60%–65%	31–34	
Supporting Standards	Total Number of Standards	56	35%–40%	15–18	35%–40%	18–21	
Total Number of Questions on Test					44 Multiple Choice		52 Multiple Choice



U. S. History



No Change for Spring 2017

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Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills – Subject Area Reviews webpage

<http://tea.texas.gov/index2.aspx?id=25769817636>



Statewide Results

	Satisfactory	Advanced	Unsatisfactory
Grade 8			
2016	65%	17%	35%
2015	64%	11%	36%
U.S. History			
2016	94%	30%	6%
2015	91%	28%	9%



Statewide Results: By Category

Average Number of Items Answered Correct

	History	Geography and Culture	Government and Citizenship	Economics, Science, and Technology
Grade 8	58% (11.5 of 20)	63% (7.6 of 12)	58% (6.9 of 12)	64% (5.1 of 8)
U.S. History	67% (20.1 of 30)	70% (8.4 of 12)	70% (7.0 of 10)	72% (11.5 of 16)



Statewide Results: By Item Type

	Stand- Alone		Excerpt		Other Stimulus	
	Number of Questions	Average Percent Who Answered Correctly	Number of Questions	Average Percent Who Answered Correctly	Number of Questions	Average Percent Who Answered Correctly
Grade 8	23	56.96	6	61.50	23	62.65
U.S. History	25	68.44	16	72.25	27	67.96



Complete the Recommendation for Educator Committees at
<https://www.cvent.com/surveys/Questions/IDConfirm.aspx?r=00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000&s=50854d32-7c91-47a6-9fdb-497e18700137>



QUESTIONS