



Social Studies Newsletter

Thank you for subscribing to the TEA social studies newsletter.

Today's newsletter provides information on the following topics:

- **Social Studies Stakeholder Engagement**
- **Social Studies TEKS Revision and Implementation**
- **Social Studies TEKS Revision and Instructional Materials**

Social Studies Stakeholder Engagement

The social studies team at TEA is piloting an initiative to expand information sharing and interaction with social studies stakeholders across the state. The pilot includes monthly virtual meetings for stakeholders. Each month will focus on a different topic. Sessions will start with a brief presentation from TEA staff on a specific topic, followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion related to that topic. Each monthly session will be provided on two different days to provide stakeholders with two opportunities to attend. All social studies stakeholders (parents, teachers, administrators, etc.) are invited to attend by registering below.

July Topic: Social Studies TEKS Revision and Instructional Materials

Target Audience: Social Studies Stakeholders- K-12 Social Studies Teachers, District Administrators, Campus Administrators, Education Service Center Specialists, Parents, Professional Organizations

Dates & Times

Monday, July 17th @ 2:00 PM

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/SSSEJuly17Registration>

Tuesday, July 18th @ 10:00 AM

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/SSSEJuly18Registration>

August Topic: Assessment—Short-Constructed Response (SCR) Scoring Process

Target Audience: Middle School Social Studies Teachers, High School Social Studies Teachers, District Administrators, Campus Administrators, Education Service Center Specialists

Dates & Times

Wednesday, August 9th @ 2:00 PM

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/SSSEAugust9Registration>

Thursday, August 10th @ 10:00 AM

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/SSSEAugust10Registration>

The social studies team is looking forward to providing this opportunity to stakeholders. If you have a question or need assistance, use the [Curriculum Request Form](#) to submit your contact information and the details of your inquiry.

Social Studies TEKS Revision and Implementation

In its November 2022 meeting, the State Board of Education (SBOE) adopted social studies TEKS revisions to align with legislative requirements from the 87th Texas Legislature by updating the standards for kindergarten-grade 8 and five high school courses: Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and its Benefits, United States History Studies Since 1877, World History Studies, World Geography Studies, and United States Government. The revised social studies TEKS will be implemented beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

[Adopted Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 113. Social Studies, Subchapters A-C](#)

For more information related to the Social Studies TEKS revision and implementation, please visit the [2021-2022 Social Studies TEKS Review website](#).

Social Studies TEKS Revision and Instructional Materials

The State Board of Education (SBOE) voted to amend their [instructional materials adoption cycle](#) to remove *Proclamation 2025*, which would have included a call for new social studies materials. The SBOE did not indicate when they intend to call for new social studies materials. To address the minor revisions to the social studies TEKS that were adopted in November 2022, the SBOE advised TEA staff to offer publishers of SBOE-adopted social studies materials the opportunity to update their materials. TEA will post any update requests we receive from publishers to the TEA web page [Substitutions and Content Updates](#) for public review and comment prior to taking the request to the SBOE for approval.

The contracts with the social studies publishers will expire at the end of the 2022–2023 school year. The publishers of SBOE-adopted social studies materials have been offered the opportunity to renew their contracts for the gap years. Districts will receive their biennial instructional materials and technology allotment in September 2023. While there is not money specifically set aside for gap-years materials, districts are able to spend that funding on materials needed to meet the district’s needs and to cover 100% of the TEKS.

For questions or additional information, please submit a [Curriculum Request Form](#) through the [TEA Help Desk](#).