



## Social Studies Newsletter

Thank you for subscribing to the TEA social studies newsletter.

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### June Social Studies Stakeholder Engagement Sessions

#### Topic: Office Hours Session for Social Studies TEKS for the 2024-2025 School Year

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

**Session Description:** The TEA social studies team will be available for questions and discussion focused on the social studies TEKS being implemented in the 2024-2025 school year. This session will not have a formal TEA presentation and participants will be able to come and go as their schedule permits.

#### Dates & Times:

Tuesday, June 11th @ 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. [Registration Link](#)

Wednesday, June 12th @ 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. [Registration Link](#)

## July Social Studies Stakeholder Engagement Sessions

### Topic: Clarifying the Social Studies TEKS Being Implemented in the 2024-2025 School Year

**Target Audience:** Elementary Teachers, Middle School Teachers, High School Teachers, District Administrators, Campus Administrators, Education Service Center Specialists

**Session Description:** The TEA social studies team will provide a closer look at the new student expectations to be implemented in the upcoming school year. Each of the three sessions is focused on one specific grade-level band. To support understanding of the revised social studies TEKS, the social studies team will provide and explain resources such as a social studies skills matrix, an FAQ, and TEKS crosswalk documents.

#### Dates & Times:

Grades K-5: Monday, July 15th @ 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. [Registration Link](#)

Grades 6-8: Tuesday, July 16th @ 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. [Registration Link](#)

Grades 9-12: Wednesday, July 17th @ 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. [Registration Link](#)

## State Board of Education Meeting, June 25-28



## State Board of Education THE STATE of TEXAS

The next meeting of the State Board of Education (SBOE) will occur June 25-28, 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.

## State Board of Education: 2024 Heroes for Children Award

The SBOE is accepting nominations for the 2024 Heroes for Children Award, celebrating 30 years of honoring exceptional volunteers in Texas education.

Each year, the SBOE selects 15 people, one from each member's district, to be recognized as heroes. To be eligible for nomination, candidates must volunteer their time, effort, service, and support to public schools and students.

Nominations close on July 12, and honorees will be celebrated at the September SBOE general meeting in Austin.

More information is available in the [nomination guidelines](#).

### [Online Nomination Form](#)

For questions and support about the program, email [heroes@sboe.texas.gov](mailto:heroes@sboe.texas.gov) or call the SBOE Support office at (512) 463-9007.



### Social Studies Timely Topic: Texas Observes Juneteenth Holiday

Throughout history, many dedicated Americans have fought for freedom. On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, and slaves in Union-occupied areas of Confederate states became free men, women, and children. Two and a half years later, in June of 1865, more than 2,000 federal soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Texas. Granger's men marched throughout Galveston delivering the news of liberation. It was from that moment that Juneteenth was born.

Texas House Bill 1016, passed in the 66th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, declared June 19, "Emancipation Day in Texas," a legal state holiday effective starting in 1980. Texas was the first state to designate Juneteenth as a holiday. In 2021, President Biden signed bipartisan legislation into law, making Juneteenth the 11th holiday recognized by the federal government. President Biden called Opal Lee, who at the age of 89 walked from her home in Fort Worth to Washington, D.C., "a grandmother of the movement to make Juneteenth a federal holiday."

You can find resources about Juneteenth through the following websites.

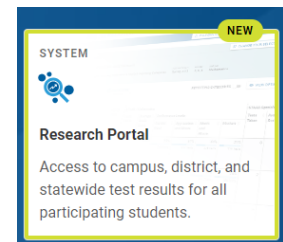
[Texas State Library and Archives Commission](#)

[Legislative Reference Library of Texas](#)

[National Museum of African American History & Culture](#)

### Texas Assessment Research Portal

The [Texas Assessment Research Portal](#) is a public portal designed for users to generate reports for summary state assessment data. Data can be viewed and compared by state, region, district or campus, and further broken down by demographic groups. The portal can be accessed with a desktop, laptop, or tablet. It is not optimized for mobile phones.



### Congratulations to 2024 Graduates!



Congratulations to the graduating class of 2024 and the educators that have supported them along the way! Among life's biggest moments are graduations. The culmination of hard work and accomplishment, a commencement of any kind is cause for celebration. The graduating class of 2024 has proven that they can overcome obstacles and challenges with strength and perseverance. As they embrace the next phase of their lives, they will remember the lessons learned and cherish the memories made. The world needs the unique skills and talents of this year's graduating students and their educators!

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

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