



Social Studies Newsletter

Thank you for subscribing to the TEA social studies newsletter.

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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](#).

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 below or under the “Social Studies TEKS Resources” section of the [TEA Social Studies web page](#).

Course	TEKS	Crosswalks	Skills Matrices
Kindergarten	§113.11 Social Studies, Kindergarten, Adopted 2022	Kindergarten 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk	Elementary Skills 2024-2025 Skills Matrix
Grade 1	§113.12 Social Studies, Grade 1, Adopted 2022	Grade 1 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk	
Grade 2	§113.13 Social Studies, Grade 2, Adopted 2022	Grade 2 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk	
Grade 3	§113.14 Social Studies, Grade 3, Adopted 2022	Grade 3 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk	
Grade 4	§113.15 Social Studies, Grade 4, Adopted 2022	Grade 4 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk	
Grade 5	§113.16 Social Studies, Grade 5, Adopted 2022	Grade 5 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk	
Grade 6	§113.18 Social Studies, Grade 6, Adopted 2022	Grade 6 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk	Middle School 2024-2025 Skills Matrix
Grade 7	§113.19 Social Studies, Grade 7, Adopted 2022	Grade 7 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk	
Grade 8	§113.20 Social Studies, Grade 8, Adopted 2022	Grade 8 2024-2025 Social Studies TEKS Crosswalk	
Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits	§113.31 Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits, High School (One-Half Credit), Adopted 2022	Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits 2024-2025 TEKS Crosswalk	High School 2024-2025 Skills Matrix
United States History Studies Since 1877	§113.41 United States History Studies Since 1877 (One Credit), Adopted 2022	United States History Studies Since 1877 2024-2025 TEKS Crosswalk	

World History Studies	§113.42 World History Studies (One Credit), Adopted 2022	World History Studies 2024-2025 TEKS Crosswalk	
World Geography Studies	§113.43 World Geography Studies (One Credit), Adopted 2022	World Geography Studies 2024-2025 TEKS Crosswalk	
United States Government	§113.44 United States Government (One-Half Credit), Adopted 2022	United States Government 2024-2025 TEKS Crosswalk	

For additional information about the social studies TEKS that are now implemented in the 2024-2025 year, please visit the FAQ document via the link below.

[Frequently Asked Questions: Social Studies TEKS Revision and Instructional Materials](#)

August Social Studies Stakeholder Engagement Sessions

Topic: Celebrate Freedom Week

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 focus on Celebrate Freedom Week ([TEC § 29.907](#)), which occurs each year during the week that includes September 17. During this week Texas schools emphasize 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. This TEA stakeholder engagement session will highlight Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and required instruction related to Celebrate Freedom Week and instructional resources found on the TEA Celebrate Freedom Week web page.

Date & Times

Monday, August 26 @ 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. [August 26 Registration Link](#)

Tuesday, August 27 @ 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. [August 27 Registration Link](#)

Updated Innovative Course Application Timeline

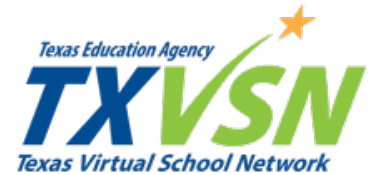
To benefit both innovative course applicants and LEAs (local education agencies) who wish to implement innovative courses, the timeline for future innovative course application cycles has been updated. The updated timeline is designed to provide additional time for the following:

- Applicants to complete applications
- Applicants to receive local board approval
- Applicants to complete course pilots and analyze data
- Districts and open-enrollment charters to plan for innovative course implementation

Courses that are approved will be available for implementation beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

The 2025-2026 application cycle for innovative courses closes on September 13, 2024. The complete innovative course application timeline is available on the [TEA innovative courses webpage](#).

The Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN) Can Help Meet Students' Social Studies Course Needs



Need help meeting a student's social studies course needs?

The [Texas Virtual School Network \(TXVSN\)](#) can help meet students' needs through TEA-approved online courses. The TXVSN statewide course catalog provides schools and students access to high school, Advanced Placement, career and technical education, and dual credit courses for initial credit or credit recovery. The [course catalog](#) provides fifteen unique social studies courses to help students meet their learning goals and graduation requirements.

Thank you for your commitment to serving Texas students.

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