

Region 4 Social Studies Advisory Committee Meeting, Spring 2014
Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

- **Welcome and Introductions**

- **Updates from the State Board of Education meeting and TEA**

- TASA Summary of SBOE Meeting, January 2014:
<http://www.tasanet.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceID=71&ViewID=047E6BE3-6D87-4130-8424-D8E4E9ED6C2A&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=876&PageID=1>
- Innovative Courses: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=6079>
- OnTRACK Course Updates
 - OnTRACK Lessons for World History - <http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12102897>
 - OnTRACK Lessons for World Geography - <http://www.epsilen.com/crs/13194974>
 - OnTRACK Lessons for Grade 8 Social Studies - <http://www.epsilen.com/crs/13200084>

- **Folder Talk Table Discussions**

- **Proposed Satellite Social Studies Advisory Committee Meetings**

- **Content Literacy Activity**

- **Ever-Fi Resources, Maegan Greenberg Texas Schools Manager**

- **Conferences**

- Region 4**

- Eighth Annual Region 4 Social Studies Conference: January 24, 2015:
https://www.escweb.net/tx_esc_04/catalog/conference.aspx?conference_id=231538
 - Encountering Texas History Conference: February 12-13, 2015 (Session [1002502](#)) and November 5-6, 2015 (Session [1012701](#)) Region 4 (Provided in partnership with the Texas State Historical Association)

- Upcoming events at Region 4 and in our districts**

- FOG Mini-Conference: February 22, 8-11:30 a.m., Israeli & Palestinian Territories: There is More Than One Rift
Contact Jennifer Leadbetter for questions about registration at jenniferl85@hotmail.com,
<http://friendsofgeographyhouston.org/>

- Other Conferences**

- SXSWedu Education Conference: March 3-6, 2014, Austin: <http://sxswedu.com/conference>
 - TSSSA: March 27-28, 2014: Austin Hilton Airport : http://tsssa.org/?page_id=728
 - National Council for Geographic Education: July 31-August 3, 2014, Memphis, Tennessee:
<http://www.ncge.org/conference>
 - TSSSA/TCSS Conference: October 30-November 2, 2014: Moody Gardens, Galveston:
http://txcss.org/?page_id=6
 - National Council for the Social Studies: November 21-23, 2014: Boston, Massachusetts
<http://www.ncss.org/conference>

- **Adjourn for Lunch**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 2014, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., Session ID 1051191

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Upcoming Spring-Summer 2014 Professional Development Sessions

Session Title	Dates	Session ID Number
Questioning Strategies for the Social Studies Classroom	February 13	1013477
5 Es over Texas: Social Studies STAAR Preparation Grade 7-Texas History	February 13	1002036
Exploring the US History End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment	February 20	994385
Questioning Strategies for the Social Studies Classroom	March 1	1013479
Exploring the US History End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment	June 17	1001748
Exploring the Grade 8 Social Studies STAAR	June 18	1002040
*Social Studies G/T Update Session	June 19	1001749
Reading to Learn in Social Studies: Grades 6-12	July 8	1001750
Building Academic Vocabulary in Social Studies	July 10	1001753
*Project CRISS: Creating Independence through Student-Owned Strategies, Grades 4-12	July 15, July 16, September 24	1047986
World Geography Academy (2-Day Event)	July 16-17	1013480
*Social Studies Differentiation Strategies for the Gifted/Advanced Student	August 5	1019189
Exploring the Grade 8 Social Studies STAAR	August 5	1013510
Exploring the Middle School Social Studies TEKS: Using Depth of Knowledge (DOK) for Student Success	August 7	1002042

*-TAGT Approved 6 hour G/T Update Credit provided

Your Region 4 Social Studies Team

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Educator Review Committees

Please consider volunteering for a STAAR/EOC item review committee. Use the form located here:

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/RecommendationEducatorCommittee.pdf> or access the online version: <http://educator.force.com/TX>. The first form should be mailed to Pearson as stated on the form.

State Board of Education Meetings

SBOE meetings are archived and are available for viewing for the next six months. If you are interested in viewing the meetings, follow the directions below.

- Go to <http://www.texasadmin.com/cgi-bin/tea.cgi>.
- Scroll down to see the dates and agendas. The dates are listed newest to oldest.

Social Studies TETN for 2014:

Date	Time
September 24, 2013	1:00-2:00 p.m.

The 2014 SBOE meeting schedule:

- April 9-11, 2014
- July 16-18, 2014
- September 17-19, 2014
- November 19-21, 2014

For assistance with your district's connection to the TETN, please contact Joe Lee, 713.744.6511, joelee@esc4.net.

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Helpful Websites:

Region 4: <http://www.esc4.net>

- Social Studies Solutions: <http://www.esc4.net/default.aspx?name=ss.home>
- Professional Development: <http://www.esc4.net/default.aspx?name=ss.profdev>
- Professional Organizations: <http://www.esc4.net/default.aspx?name=ss.proforgs>
- Social Studies Events: <http://www.esc4.net/default.aspx?name=ss.events>
- TEA (Texas Education Agency) Updates: http://www.esc4.net/default.aspx?name=ss.tea_updates
- Online Store: <http://www.region4store.com/>
- Conferences: <http://www.esc4.net/default.aspx?name=pi.conferences>
- Region 4 Social Studies Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Region-4-Social-Studies-Solutions/290191614436916?ref=hl>
- Region 4 Social Studies Twitter: <http://twitter.com/R4Socialstudies>
- House Bill 5 Resources: <http://www.esc4.net/default.aspx?name=hb5.home>
- TETN Meeting Notes: http://www.esc4.net/default.aspx?name=ss.tea_updates

TEA (Texas Education Agency):

- Project Share: <http://projectsharetexas.org/>
- Social Studies TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills): <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter113/index.html>
- Economics: <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter118/index.html>
- ****New**** Innovative Courses: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=6079>
- Sign up for Social Studies ListServ: <http://miller.tea.state.tx.us/list/>; select Social Studies ListServ from the drop-down menu.
- ELPS (English Language Proficiency Standards): <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter074/ch074a.html#74.4>
- ELL (English Language Learners) Portal: <http://www.elltx.org>
 - Texas English Language Learner Instructional Tool (TELLIT) courses: <http://www.elltx.org/trainings.html>
- TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills): http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index3.aspx?id=948&menu_id3=793
- 2009 Released TAKS: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index3.aspx?id=3839&menu_id3=793
- Personal Financial Literacy Resources: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=3523>
- Best Practices Clearinghouse: http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/bestprac/bpc_instruction.html
- TALA (Texas Adolescent Literacy Academies): <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/tala/>

STAAR/EOC Links:

- STAAR Resources: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/>
- STAAR FAQ Printable Document: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/faq.pdf>
- STAAR Questions and Answers Online: <http://www.txetests.com/faqs/index.asp?Roots=%601.02.11%60>
- STAAR Modified Resources: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/special-ed/staarm>
- Special Education Assessments: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index3.aspx?id=3632&menu_id3=793
- End-of-Course Exams: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index3.aspx?id=3302&menu_id3=793
- TEA Supplemental Aids for STAAR Presentation, December 2011: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=2147504960&libID=2147504955>
- TEA Modifications and Assessments Presentation, January 25, 2012: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=2147505331&libID=2147505325>
- STAAR Performance Standards:
 - Grade 3-8 for Spring 2012 Administration: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/STAAR_3-8_Performance_Standards_Chart.pdf
 - STAAR Phase-in Illustration: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student/assessment/STAAR_Phase-in_Illustration.pdf
 - Raw Conversion Tables Spring 2012: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/convtables/yr12/>

College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS): <http://www.txccrs.org/>

- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/>

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Texas Social Studies Supervisors Association: <http://tsssa.org>

Texas Alliance for Geographic Education: <http://www.geo.txstate.edu/tage/>

Friends of Geography: <http://friendsofgeographyhouston.org/>

Texas State Historical Society: <http://www.tshaonline.org/>

- Texas History Day: <http://www.tshaonline.org/education/thd/index.html>
- National History Day: <http://www.nationalhistoryday.org/>

Law-Related Education: <http://www.texaslre.org/>

Texas Council for Economic Education: <http://www.economicstexas.org/>

Digital History: <http://www.digitalhistory2.uh.edu/>

The Presidential Primary Sources Project: <https://k20.internet2.edu/projects/presidential-primary-sources-project>

- <https://internet2.app.box.com/s/fjer8aihhaaughel62gm> Information Flyer about Project

Local Resources:

- Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Houston Branch: <http://dallasfed.org/fed/houston.cfm>
- Junior Achievement Houston: <http://houston.ja.org/>
- George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum: <http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/>
- Holocaust Museum Houston: <http://www.hmh.org/>
- Museum of Fine Arts Houston: <http://www.mfah.org>
 - Education Area: <http://www.mfah.org/schools>
- San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/san-jacinto-battleground>
- Texas Independence Resources from Washington-on-the-Brazos Historical Park: <http://www.txindependence.org/>