

Region 4 Social Studies Advisory Committee Meeting October 7, 2014

The following information was gathered in response to questions posed at the October 2014 Social Studies Advisory Committee Meeting.

- Open Source Mini-Conference: Slides available in the download section: <http://www.esc4.net/users/0223/docs/OpenSpaceMini-Conference.pptx>
- LAIG training online: <http://www.epsilon.com/crs/12112090>
- Write for Texas link: <http://writefortexas.org/> (free resources under online materials)
- <http://lead4ward.com/resources/>: Click on "quicklooks" tab at the top.
- Grade 8 quotes document: Available in the download section: <http://www.esc4.net/users/0223/docs/8thPrimarySources.docx>
- AP info from Friday: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/answer-sheet/wp/2014/10/01/college-board-says-it-revised-controversial-ap-u-s-history-framework/>, http://www.tea.state.tx.us/news_release.aspx?id=25769818160
- Caps for STAAR-A: The 2% is no longer in existence. This is the STAAR[®] assessment that is online and provides (allows for) digital accommodations. There is not a cap as this version is for any student (SPED, 504, General Ed) who meets the eligibility criteria. Currently there are only (2) groups of kids who you can even consider for STAAR A:
 1. Students with identified disabilities who are receiving special education services
 2. Students identified with dyslexia or a related disorder (as defined in TEC 38.003) and are receiving section 504 servicesNot all 504 students or general education students are eligible at this time, only these two groups. Example - I might be eligible for 504 services for some area of disability, but if it isn't due to dyslexia or related disorder, then I'm not eligible for STAAR A.
- We received some questions about the Personal Financial Literacy course, and Julie Brelsford replied with this information: Work has not begun on the ½ credit Social Studies PFL course. Decisions regarding teaching PFL in Economics will be made by the SBOE. The SOBE has not directed TEA to begin rulemaking for the ½ credit Social Studies PFL course. Certification requirements for teaching the ½ credit PFL course will be determined after the TEKS have been approved by the board.
- Offering World History and World Geography: I sent in a question to Julie Brelsford at TEA recently concerning whether or not high schools must offer both World Geography and World History, since the new graduation plan does not require students must take both. Here is the reply I received:

19 TAC Chapter 74, Subchapter B

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter074/ch074a.html#74.3>:

74.3. Description of a Required Secondary Curriculum

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=2386>, pages 3, 6

74.12 Foundation High School Program

(a) Credits. A student must earn at least 22 credits to complete the Foundation High School Program.

(b) Core courses. A student must demonstrate proficiency in the following:

(4) Social studies-three credits. Two of the credits must consist of United States History Studies Since 1877 (one credit), United States Government (one-half credit), and Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits (one-half credit). The additional credit may be selected from the following courses:

- (A) World History Studies;
- (B) World Geography Studies; and
- (C) Combined World History/World Geography

This text states that students can choose from the three options for their third Social Studies credit. In order to have a choice between the courses, the courses must be offered by the school. Therefore, both World Geography and World History should be offered. The courses could be alternated annually: World Geography one year and World History the next year. In addition, the Combination World History/World Geography course has not yet been defined.

- iTunes e-books: TASA on iTunes <https://itunes.apple.com/us/institution/texas-association-school-administrators/id583444555>, search for TASA in iTunes and look for courses/grades. Some files are accessible via any platform; some are iOS versions only.
 1. U.S. History Studies Since 1877: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/course/us-history-studies-since-1877/id658396574>
 2. World History: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/course/world-history/id657004707>
 3. World Geography: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/course/world-geography-studies/id613888513>
 4. Look in iTunes under TASA for:
 1. Grade 8 Social Studies
 2. Grade 6 Social Studies
 3. U.S. Government