

Region 4 Social Studies Advisory Committee Meeting, Spring 2015
Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

• **Welcome and Introductions**

• **TEA Updates**

- New English/Social Studies Manager, Chris Dolejs (Christopher.Dolejs@tea.texas.gov)
- State Board meeting: February 11-13, 2015
- Education Issues of the 84th Legislature, sources to follow activity:
 - [TSTA](#)
 - [TASA](#)
 - [Texas Legislature Online](#)
 - [Texas Tribute Legislative Watch](#)
 - [Texas AFT](#)
 - [TASB](#)

• **New Region 4 Products and Services**

- Geography by Design Volumes 1-6
- Summer Institutes for Grade 8 and U.S. History

• **Information from the Field**

- Discussion: Instructional Materials Fund Adoption
- Follow-up from Open Space Meeting
- Share STAAR Review Ideas

• **Resources**

- Lisa Watkins, Mock Trial Coordinator, Dallas Bar Association
- Jenny Sweeney, NARA Video Conference

• **Conferences and Institutes**

Region 4

- Ninth Annual Region 4 Social Studies Conference: January 30, 2016: Need presenters
https://www.escweb.net/tx_esc_04/catalog/conference.aspx?conference_id=953187
- Encountering Texas History Conference: (Provided in partnership with the Texas State Historical Association): February 12-13, 2015 (Session [1002502](#)) Region 4

Upcoming events at Region 4 and in our districts

- Grade 8 American History Institute: July 13, 2015: Session [1066031](#)
- U.S. History Institute: July 13, 2015: Session [1068527](#)

Other Conferences

- TSSSA: February 26-27, 2015: Austin Hilton Airport : http://tsssa.org/?page_id=728
- SXSWedu Education Conference: March 9-12, 2015, Austin: <http://sxswedu.com/conference>
- ASCD (Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development): March 21-23, 2015, Houston, George R. Brown Convention Center: <http://annualconference.ascd.org/Default.aspx>
- Friends of Geography (FOG) Conference: September 26, 2015, Harris County Department of Education
- TSSSA/TCSS Conference: October 30-November 1, 2015: Fort Worth Omni: <http://txcss.net/tcss-conference/2015-conference/>
- National Council for the Social Studies: November 13-15, 2015: New Orleans, Louisiana
<http://www.ncss.org/conference>

• **Adjourn for Lunch, Red Onion**

Next Meeting: October 6, 2015, 9:00-11:30 a.m., Session [1141141](#)

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Upcoming Summer 2015 Professional Development Sessions

Session Title	Dates	Session ID Number
Exploring the US History End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment	June 16, 2015	1083970
*Instructional Ideas for G/T Students in Social Studies	June 18, 2015	1083971
Teaching the U.S. History Course for EOC Success	July 7, 2015	1084049
Geography by Design	July 8, 2015	1084052
*Project CRISS: Creating Independence through Student-Owned Strategies, Grades 4-12	July 8, 9, and September 30, 2015	1001762
NEW Grade 8 American History Institute Supporting STAAR Success	July 13, 2015	1066031
NEW U.S. History Institute Supporting EOC Success	July 13, 2015	1068527
NEW Personal Financial Literacy	July 14, 2015	TBA
5 Es Over Texas: Social Studies STAAR Preparation Grade 7	July 16, 2015	1084060
NEW Get the Sage Off the Stage: Improving Student Engagement in the Social Studies Classroom	August 4, 2015	1083973
*Instructional Ideas for G/T Students in Social Studies	August 6, 2015	1083974

*- 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 Schedule

2015 Schedule TBA

[The 2014-15 SBOE meeting schedule:](#)

- Feb. 11-13, 2015
- April 15-17, 2015
- July 15-17, 2015
- Sept. 9-11, 2015
- Nov. 18-20, 2015

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/R4SocialStudies?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): **New Website-** <http://tea.texas.gov/>

- Social Studies Curriculum: <http://tea.texas.gov/index2.aspx?id=5488>
- 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>
- Innovative Courses: <http://tea.texas.gov/index4.aspx?id=6079>
- Sign up for Social Studies Email Updates: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXTEA/subscriber/new>;
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://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/taks/>
- Personal Financial Literacy Resources:
[http://tea.texas.gov/Curriculum and Instructional Programs/Subject Areas/Social Studies/Personal Financial Literacy List of Approved Materials/](http://tea.texas.gov/Curriculum_and_Instructional_Programs/Subject_Areas/Social_Studies/Personal_Financial_Literacy_List_of_Approved_Materials/)
- Best Practices Clearinghouse: http://tea.texas.gov/best_practices/default.aspx
- Write for Texas: <http://www.writefortexas.org/>

STAAR®/EOC Links: **New Website-** <http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/staar/>

- STAAR® Scale Score Cuts for New Phase-In Schedule: (August 2014)
<http://tea.texas.gov/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=25769815899&libID=25769815947>
- STAAR®-A Resources: <http://www.Texasassessment.com/STAARA>,
<http://www.texasassessment.com/administrations/STAAR-A/resources/>
- STAAR® Resources: <http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/staar/>
- STAAR® Performance Standards: <http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/staar/performance-standards/>
- 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>
- End-of-Course Exams: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index3.aspx?id=3302&menu_id=793
- STAAR®-A Resources: <http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/STAARA/>
- Pearson Resources: <http://www.texasassessment.com/administrations/STAAR-A/resources/>
- STAAR®-L Resources: <http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/ell/staarl/>
- STAAR® Alternative 2 Resources: <http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/special-ed/staaralt/>
- Raw Conversion Tables: <http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/staar/convtables/>

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

- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: <http://www.theccb.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/>
- The Presidential Primary Sources Project: <https://k20.internet2.edu/projects/presidential-primary-sources-project>
 - <https://internet2.app.box.com/s/fjer8aihauaqhel62gm> Information Flyer about Project

Local Resources:

- ****New**** Texas Archive of the Moving Image: http://www.texasarchive.org/library/index.php/TeachTexas:Main_Page
- Digital History: <http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/>
- Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Houston Branch: <http://www.dallasfed.org/houston.cfm>
- Junior Achievement Houston: <https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-set/>
- George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum: <http://bush41.org/>
- George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum: <https://www.georgewbushlibrary.smu.edu/>
- Holocaust Museum Houston: <http://www.hmh.org/>
- Museum of Fine Arts Houston: <http://www.mfah.org>
 - Education Area: <http://www.mfah.org/programs-for/educators-school-groups/>
- 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/>