

Region 4 Social Studies Advisory Committee Meeting, Spring 2017
Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

• **Welcome and Introductions**

- **Resource:** David Furlow, Chair, Houston Bar Association: <https://www.hba.org/committees/teach-texas/>
 - **Free program** provided to your classes with a judge and lawyer and materials

• **TEA and Legislative Updates:** Debbie Behling

- **Current Bills** of the 85th Texas Legislature that may impact Social Studies (see page 3)
- **Federal test information:** <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114s1177enr/pdf/BILLS-114s1177enr.pdf> (S. 1177—25, page 25)

- **Cultural Competency Activity:** Andréa Rivers (Document is in folder: <https://goo.gl/nWx2uw>.)

• **Tenth Annual Conference Report**

- Save the date: Eleventh Annual Social Studies Conference: January 27, 2018

• **Conferences and Institutes**

Region 4 and Local Events

- Register: [Eleventh Annual Region 4 Social Studies Conference: January 27, 2018](#)
 - Early Bird Registration: \$80 through December 15, 2017
 - Call for Presenters opens March 1, 2017.
- Medal of Honor: Lessons of Personal Bravery and Self-Sacrifice, February 28, Region 4: Session [1253392](#)
 - Breakfast and lunch included, G/T update credit, substitute reimbursement
- President, Executive Power, and the Constitution, April 6, Region 4: Session [1295293](#)
- American and U.S. History Institutes, July 10, Region 4 (Lunch included)
 - American History Institute, Session 1241254
 - U.S. History Institute, Session 1305312
- Personal Financial Literacy Curriculum by the Federal Reserve, July 17-18, Region 4: Session [1246602](#)
- Land and Literacy: Texas Land Grant Office Archives, July 17, Region 4: Session [1288032](#)

Other Conferences

- TSSSA Spring Conference, March 30-31, 2017: Omni Austin Hotel Southpark: <http://www.txssa.org/>
- TSSSA/TCSS, October 19-22, 2017: Los Colinas
 - TSSSA: <http://www.txssa.org/>
 - TCSS: <https://txcss.net/2017-conference/>
- NSSA/NCSS, November 17-19, 2017: San Francisco: <http://www.socialstudies.org/conference>

• **Adjourn for Lunch, Jason's Deli Delivery**

• **Coordinator Sharing Opportunity**

2017-18 Meetings:

- October 3, 2017, Session 1297399
- February 15, 2018, Session 1297407

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Upcoming Spring-Summer 2017 Professional Development Sessions

Session Title	Dates	Session ID Number
Historical Inquiry Labs: Thinking like an Amateur Historian	February 28	1246739
*/**Medal of Honor: Lessons of Personal Bravery and Self-Sacrifice. Includes breakfast, lunch, and substitute reimbursement: Only \$35 (for Elementary Grades)	February 28	1253392
Sheltered Instruction Techniques and Strategies in Social Studies	March 1	1246740
Creating a Language-Rich Interactive Classroom in Social Studies	March 9	1246466
5 Es Over Texas: Social Studies STAAR Preparation Grade 7	March 23	1246468
Knocking Out the STAAR in Middle School	March 28	1246741
Knocking Out the U.S. History EOC	March 29	1246742
Social Studies Strategies for Advanced Learners	April 4	1246743
**President, Executive Power, and the Constitution	April 6	1295293
Achievement Gap or Education Gap: Exploring Challenges and Solutions in Language Arts and Social Studies	April 13	1295305
Texas Adolescent Literacy Academy for Grades 6-8 Content Areas	May 17-18	1290848
American History Institute	July 10	1241254
U.S. History Institute	July 10	1305312
**Land and Literacy: Texas Land Grant Office Archives	July 17	1288032
**Personal Financial Literacy Curriculum by the Federal Reserve	July 17-18	1246602
*Project CRISS: Creating Independence through Student-Owned Strategies, Grades 4-12	July 19-20, September 27	1203247

*- 6 hour G/T Update Credit provided **-New Session

Check out the Professional Development Web Page for Updates:

<http://www.esc4.net/services/social-studies-home/professional-development>

Additional information shared at the meeting

- **TEA Presentation** with Personal Financial Literacy credentials:
http://static.coreapps.net/midwinter17/handouts/0c9994dd4647a2e32b64104019c2d855_22.pdf (Slide 35)
- **Final Decisions 2017 Accountability:**
<http://tea.texas.gov/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=51539613496&libID=51539613495>

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Social Studies-Related Bills in the 85th Texas Legislature

[HB 515](#) (partner to SB 215)

Relating to eliminating certain state-required assessment instruments and certain end-of-course assessment instruments not required by federal law.

[HB 617](#)

Relating to the inclusion of American principles in the public school curriculum and instructional materials.

[HB 729](#)

Relating to instruction in positive character traits in public schools. (Includes patriotism.)

[HB 1191](#)

Relating to secondary-level assessment of public school students and the use of individual graduation committees to satisfy certain public high school graduation requirements. (Reduce tests to only those required by federal law.)

[HB 1195](#)

Relating to inclusion of a civics test in the graduation requirements for public high school students.

[SB 145](#)

Relating to a voter education program for high school seniors.

[SB 174](#)

Relating to inclusion of a course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum requirements for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings.

[SB 215](#)

Relating to limiting certain state-required assessment instruments administered to public school students in certain grades to assessments required by federal law.

Additional bills shared by network members:

- [SB 273](#): Relating to inclusion of instruction regarding police officers in the required curriculum for ninth grade public school students.
- [HB 1333](#): Relating to public school accountability, including assessment of students and appraisal of teachers.

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Educator Review Committees

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

<https://www.cvent.com/surveys/Questions/IDConfirm.aspx?r=00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000&s=50854d32-7c91-47a6-9fdb-497e18700137>.

The 2016-17 SBOE meeting schedule:

- April 18-21, 2017
- June 20-23, 2017
- September 12-15, 2017
- November 7-10, 2017

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.

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 Services: <http://www.esc4.net/socialstudies/services>
- 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
- Region 4 Social Studies Coordinators Google Drive: <https://goo.gl/OKCNpU>

****ESSA and NCLB Comparison Chart, ASCD****

http://www.ascd.org/ASCD/pdf/siteASCD/policy/ESEA_NCLB_ComparisonChart_2015.pdf

****NCSS Webinar on ESSA**** <http://www.socialstudies.org/advocacynews>

TEA (Texas Education Agency): <http://tea.texas.gov/>

- Texas Gateway (formerly Project Share/Epslien): <http://www.texasgateway.org/>
 - Social Studies TEKS: Supporting Information: <http://www.texasgateway.org/resource/social-studies-teks-supporting-information>
- Social Studies Curriculum: <http://tea.texas.gov/index2.aspx?id=5488>
- 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>
- ****Personal Financial Literacy TEKS, passed January 2016 for August 2016 implementation****
<http://tea.texas.gov/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=25769823964&libID=25769824062>
- 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>

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- 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
 - PFL FAQs: <http://tea.texas.gov/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=51539610350&libID=51539610350>
 - 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%20and%20Instructional%20Programs/Subject%20Areas/Social%20Studies/Personal%20Financial%20Literacy/List%20of%20Approved%20Materials/)
- Best Practices Clearinghouse: http://tea.texas.gov/best_practices/default.aspx
- Write for Texas: <http://www.writefortexas.org/>

STAAR®/EOC Links: <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_id3=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/staar/>
- 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.thecb.state.tx.us/>

Organizations:

- Texas Council for the Social Studies: <http://txcss.org>
- 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/fjer8aihhuuaghel62gm> Information Flyer about Project

Local Resources:

- 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>

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- San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site:
<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/san-jacinto-battleground>
- Texas Historical Commission: <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/learn/educator-materials>
- Texas Independence Resources from Washington-on-the-Brazos Historical Park: <http://www.txindependence.org/>