

**Region 4 Social Studies Advisory Committee Meeting, Fall 2014**  
**Tuesday, October 7, 2014, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

• **Welcome and Introductions**

• **Updates from the State Board of Education meeting and TEA: Debbie Behling, LaTonya Amboree**

- TETN Update, September 24, 2014
- New Phase-In Chart:  
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=25769815899&libID=25769815947>
- STAAR®-A and Alternative Assessments
  - Eligibility criteria
  - ARD Amendment
  - Non-digital classroom practice
  - Resources located online: <http://www.Texasassessment.com/STAARA>,  
<http://www.texasassessment.com/administrations/STAAR-A/resources/>
- ELPS Instructional Tool publication and training

• **Open Space Mini-Conference: Grade 8 STAAR®: LaTonya Amboree**

• **Information and Questions**

- Proclamation 2015, Instructional Materials Fund
- High School Courses: sequencing, AP courses

• **Write for Texas Project: Kristi Thaemlitz**

• **Conferences and Institutes**

**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](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)
- American History Institute ([1066031](#)) and U.S. History Institute ([1068527](#)): July 13, 2015

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

- FOG Spring Conference

**Other Conferences**

- TSSSA/TCSS Conference: October 30-November 2, 2014: Moody Gardens, Galveston:  
[http://tsssa.org/?page\\_id=728](http://tsssa.org/?page_id=728), [http://txcss.org/?page\\_id=6](http://txcss.org/?page_id=6)
- National Council for the Social Studies: November 21-23, 2014: Boston, Massachusetts  
<http://www.ncss.org/conference>
- TSSSA: February 26-27, 2015: Austin Hilton Airport : [http://tsssa.org/?page\\_id=728](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>

• **Adjourn for Lunch, Red Onion**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., Session ID [1072638](#)

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**Upcoming Fall 2014-Spring 2015 Professional Development Sessions**

Session Title	Dates	Session ID Number
*Project CRISS: Creating Independence through Student-Owned Strategies, Grades 4-12	October 8, 9, and November 5, 2014	<a href="#">1001497</a>
Exploring the US History End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment	October 14, 2014	<a href="#">1061420</a>
**NEW** Accessing the General Curriculum: Instructional Strategies in Secondary (5-8) Social Studies	October 16, 2014	<a href="#">1059240</a>
5 Es over Texas	October 28, 2014	<a href="#">1097342</a>
**NEW** Geography By Design: Implementing a Conceptual Framework in World Geography (Part I)	November 5, 2014	<a href="#">1097662</a>
Exploring the Grade 8 Social Studies STAAR®	November 6, 2014	<a href="#">1097398</a>
**NEW** Teaching the U.S. History Course for EOC Success	November 13, 2014	<a href="#">1061421</a>
**NEW** Authentic Vocabulary Instruction in Social Studies	November 18, 2014	<a href="#">1097713</a>
**NEW** ELPS Instructional Tool Training of Trainers (TOT)	November 19, 2014	<a href="#">1106251</a>
**NEW** Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) for Academic Content Areas: Secondary Social Studies Tiers 2 and 3 Interventions	December 11, 2014	<a href="#">1058215</a>
**NEW** Get the Sage Off the Stage: Improving Student Engagement in the Social Studies Classroom	December 11, 2014	<a href="#">1097714</a>
**NEW** Geography by Design: Implementing a Conceptual Framework in World Geography (Part II)	January 14, 2015	<a href="#">1097715</a>
5 Es over Texas	January 15, 2015	<a href="#">1097343</a>
Eighth Annual Social Studies Conference	January 24, 2015	<a href="#">935183</a>
*Project CRISS: Creating Independence through Student-Owned Strategies, Grades 4-12	January 28, 29, and February 25, 2015	<a href="#">1001761</a>
Social Studies Advisory Committee	February 4, 2015	<a href="#">1072638</a>
**NEW** Intervention in the Social Studies Classroom	February 5, 2015	<a href="#">1097717</a>
**NEW** Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) for Academic Content Areas: Elementary Social Studies Tier 2 and Tier 3 Interventions	February 11, 2015	<a href="#">1058280</a>
Encountering Texas History Conference	February 12-13, 2015	<a href="#">1002502</a>
Teaching the U.S. History Course for EOC Success	February 18, 2015	<a href="#">1061422</a>
**NEW** Historical Inquiry Labs: Thinking Like an Amateur Historian (Secondary Social Studies Teachers)	March 24, 2015	<a href="#">1097732</a>

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

**Your Region 4 Social Studies Team**

**Social Studies Specialists**

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**Reading Language Arts/Social Studies Solutions Department**

- **Jennifer Brock**, Director, Reading Language Arts/Social Studies Solutions, 713.744.6355, [jbrock@esc4.net](mailto:jbrock@esc4.net)
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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.

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**Social Studies TETN Schedule**

2015 Schedule TBA

**The 2014-15 SBOE meeting schedule:**

- November 19-21, 2014
- 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](mailto:joelee@esc4.net).

**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](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](http://www.esc4.net/default.aspx?name=ss.tea_updates)

**TEA (Texas Education Agency):**

- **\*\*New\*\*** Pearson STAAR®-Resources: <http://www.texasassessment.com/administrations/STAAR-A/resources/>
- 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://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](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](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](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:**

- **\*\*New\*\*** STAAR® Scale Score Cuts for New Phase-In Schedule: (August 2014)  
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=25769815899&libID=25769815947>
- **\*\*New\*\*** STAAR®-A Resources: <http://www.Texasassessment.com/STAARA>,  
<http://www.texasassessment.com/administrations/STAAR-A/resources/>
- 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: (TEA website under construction; see Pearson website above)
- End-of-Course Exams: [http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index3.aspx?id=3302&menu\\_id3=793](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index3.aspx?id=3302&menu_id3=793)

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<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](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/STAAR_3-8_Performance_Standards_Chart.pdf)
  - Raw Conversion Tables Spring 2014: [http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4\\_wide.aspx?id=25769814833&menu\\_id=793](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4_wide.aspx?id=25769814833&menu_id=793)

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

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

**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/>

**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/fjer8aihhaaqlhel62gm> 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/>