

**Region 4 Social Studies Advisory Committee Meeting, Fall 2015**  
**Tuesday, October 6, 2015, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

• **Welcome and Introductions**

• **TEA Updates**

- Opening for Statewide Social Studies Coordinator; current contact-Shelly Ramos, Curriculum Division Director
- SBOE Meeting, September 9-11, 2015
- TEA Commissioner announcement, TASA/TASB Conference, October 2-4, 2015

• **Discussion from the Field**

- How did the instructional resource adoption go? What do you like and not like about your materials? What solutions have you tried to offset any challenges your teachers may be experiencing?
- What changes are you implementing to curriculum and/or instruction in response to the Grade 8 STAAR scores in your district? How have previous changes impacted your scores?
- What do teachers do with their students after the STAAR test in Grade 8 and the EOC in U.S. History?
- What challenges have you faced with the reduction of required Social Studies credits in high school? How has it affected your World History and World Geography classes?
- If you moved U.S. History from 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, how has it worked? If you didn't, what questions do you have about those who did?
- What is your response to the announcement concerning raising the passing rate with the 2015-2016 STAAR/EOC administrations? How will this impact your teachers, students, and district? What ideas do you have to plan for this change?

• **Project Share Update, ESL Pathway**

- Jackie Nowlin, Digital Learning Solutions Specialist

• **Region 4 Products and Services Update**

• **Resources**

- Maegan, Ever-Fi

• **Conferences and Institutes**

**Region 4**

- Ninth Annual Region 4 Social Studies Conference: January 30, 2016:
  - Need presenters (<http://goo.gl/tPz0M3>)
  - Registration: <http://www.esc4.net/default.aspx?name=ss.conference>
  - \$20 early bird discount if registered by December 18, 2015
- Encountering Texas History Conference: TSHA <https://tshasecurepay.com/encounteringtexashistory/>

**Other Conferences**

- 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>
- TSSSA Spring Conference: February 25-26, 2016: Austin Airport Hilton: [http://tsssa.org/?page\\_id=728](http://tsssa.org/?page_id=728)

• **Adjourn for Lunch, Pappacito's**

**Next Meeting:** February 10, 2016, 9:00-11:30 a.m., Session [1143329](#)

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**Upcoming Fall 2015-Spring 2016 Professional Development Sessions**

Session Title	Dates	Session ID Number
*Project CRISS: Creating Independence through Student-Owned Strategies, Grades 4-12	October 7-8, November 10	<a href="#">1066087</a>
**NEW** Eliminating the 'Ugh' Factor: Promoting Global Awareness and Tolerance in 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade World Cultures	October 7	<a href="#">1084058</a>
Exploring the Middle School Social Studies TEKS: Using Depth of Knowledge (DOK) for Student Success	October 14	<a href="#">1160548</a>
Geography by Design: Implementing a Conceptual Framework in World Geography	October 22	<a href="#">1160558</a>
**NEW** Think About It; Supporting Critical Thinking in Social Studies	October 29	<a href="#">1188438</a>
Teaching the U.S. History Course for EOC Success	November 3	<a href="#">1160550</a>
**NEW** Sheltered Instruction Techniques and Strategies in Social Studies	November 5	<a href="#">1181476</a>
Creating a Language Rich Interactive Classroom in Social Studies	November 10	<a href="#">1189037</a>
*Instructional Ideas for G/T Students in Social Studies	January 19	<a href="#">1160539</a>
I'm a Social Studies Teacher...Do I Really Have to Teach Literacy?	January 20, February 16	<a href="#">1160552</a>
*Social Studies Conference	January 30	<a href="#">953187</a>
**NEW** Intervention in the Social Studies Classroom	February 2	<a href="#">1160553</a>
*Project CRISS: Creating Independence through Student-Owned Strategies, Grades 4-12	February 2, 3, March 23	<a href="#">1066109</a>
Social Studies Assessments for Success	February 25	<a href="#">1160560</a>
Successful Cooperative Learning in the Social Studies Classroom	March 2	<a href="#">1160555</a>
**NEW** Knocking Out the STAAR/EOC in Social Studies	March 22	<a href="#">1160561</a>
**NEW** Putting the Pieces Together in U.S. History: A Flexible Tutorial for the EOC	March 24	<a href="#">1160562</a>
*Instructional Ideas for G/T Students in Social Studies	April 6	<a href="#">1160557</a>
Exploring RLA Through the Social Studies Lens	April 12	<a href="#">1160563</a>

\*- 6 hour G/T Update Credit provided

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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. (Look for changes with new vendor, Educational Testing.)

**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**

No meetings are currently scheduled.

**The 2015-16 SBOE meeting schedule:**

- November 17-20, 2015
- January 27-29, 2016
- April 6-8, 2016
- July 20-22, 2016
- September 14-16, 2016
- November 16-18, 2016

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

**TEA (Texas Education Agency):** <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](http://tea.texas.gov/best_practices/default.aspx)
- Write for Texas: <http://www.writefortexas.org/>

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**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](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/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.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/fjer8aihhuuqhel62gm> Information Flyer about Project

**Local Resources:**

- Texas Archive of the Moving Image: [http://www.texasarchive.org/library/index.php/TeachTexas:Main\\_Page](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.tpwwd.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/>