



## STAFFORD MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Year at a Glance

#### Social Studies – Grade 7

### Course Description:

In **Grade 7**, students study the history of Texas from early times to the present. Content is presented with more depth and breadth than in Grade 4. Students examine the full scope of Texas history, including Natural Texas and its People; Age of Contact; Spanish Colonial; Mexican National; Revolution and Republic; Early Statehood; Texas in the Civil War and Reconstruction; Cotton, Cattle, and Railroads; Age of Oil; Texas in the Great Depression and World War II; Civil Rights and Conservatism; and Contemporary Texas eras. The focus in each era is on key individuals, events, and issues and their impact. Students identify regions of Texas and the distribution of population within and among the regions and explain the factors that caused Texas to change from an agrarian to an urban society. Students describe the structure and functions of municipal, county, and state governments, explain the influence of the U.S. Constitution on the Texas Constitution, and examine the rights and responsibilities of Texas citizens. Students use primary and secondary sources to examine the rich and diverse cultural background of Texas as they identify the different racial and ethnic groups that settled in Texas to build a republic and then a state. Students analyze the impact of scientific discoveries and technological innovations on the development of Texas in various industries such as agricultural, energy, medical, computer, and aerospace. Students use primary and secondary sources to acquire information about Texas.

<b>Grading Periods</b>	<b>Unit Names</b>
Grading Period 1	<i>Unit 1: Thinking Like a Historian</i> <i>Unit 2: Natural Texas and Its People – 1200s-1800s</i> <i>Unit 3: Exploration &amp; Early Colonization of Texas – 1519-1821</i>
Grading Period 2	<i>Unit 4: Mexican Colonization &amp; the Empresario System – 1821-1836</i> <i>Unit 5: Unrest and Revolt in Texas – 1821-1836</i>
Grading Period 3	<i>Unit 5: Unrest and Revolt in Texas – 1821-1836, cont.</i> <i>Unit 6: Republic of Texas &amp; Early Statehood – 1836-1861</i>
Grading Period 4	<i>Unit 7: Texas during the Civil War and Reconstruction – 1861-1876</i> <i>Unit 8: Cotton, Cattle, Railroads &amp; Closing the Texas Frontier – 1866-1900</i>
Grading Period 5	<i>Unit 9: Modernizing Texas in an Age of Oil – 1900-1929</i> <i>Unit 10: Texas during the Great Depression &amp; WWII – 1929-1950</i>
Grading Period 6	<i>Unit 11: Civil Rights &amp; Conservatism Bring Changes – 1950-Present</i> <i>Unit 12: Contemporary Texas – 1950-Present</i>