

CFISD 8th U.S. History Scope and Sequence (2025–2026)

Course Description

Although emphasizing a chronological study of United States history from the early Colonial Period through Reconstruction, the eighth-grade curriculum incorporates many other social studies disciplines as well. These include the structure of the United States government as defined by the Constitution; United States geography; principles of good citizenship; and the American free enterprise system.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)

Reference: [TEA Social Studies Middle School Standards \(ch113b.pdf\)](#)

First Semester (81 Days)

1st Grading Period – Ends Oct. 9, 2025 (41 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Supportive Learning Environment	3	Aug. 15, 2025
Geography	4	Aug. 21, 2025
Colonial Era	17	Sept. 16, 2025
Revolutionary Era	17	Oct. 9, 2025

2nd Grading Period – Ends Dec. 18, 2025 (40 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Revolutionary Era	2	Oct. 16, 2025
Constitution/Government	24	Nov. 21, 2025
Early Republic	14	Dec. 18, 2025

Second Semester (92 Days)

3rd Grading Period – Ends March 6, 2026 (41 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Supportive Learning Environment	1	Jan. 6, 2026
Early Republic	5	Jan. 13, 2026
Industrial Revolution and Growth	10	Jan. 28, 2026
Age of Jackson	3	Feb. 2, 2026
Westward Expansion	9	Feb. 17, 2026
Reform and Culture	5	Feb. 24, 2026
Civil War	8	March 6, 2026

4th Grading Period – Ends May 28, 2026 (51 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Civil War	4	March 19, 2026
Reconstruction	8	March 31, 2026
STAAR Review and Exams	8	April 14, 2026
End of Course Unit	31	May 28, 2026

Instructional Materials

United States History to 1877, McGraw-Hill Education, 2016.

Notes

The length of each unit is a specific number of days, but it is understood that there is a range of +/- a day. The purpose of the flexibility is meant to allow teachers the opportunity to plan for the needs of their students and to accommodate re-teaching or review when necessary. If pre-assessment indicates student mastery could be obtained in a fewer number of days, the additional time could be used for extension or carried into the next unit.