

CFISD Ethnic Studies: African American Studies Scope and Sequence (2025–2026)

Course Description

African American Studies focuses on the historical and cultural contributions of African Americans. This course is designed to assist students in understanding issues and events from multiple perspectives. This course develops an understanding of the historical roots of African American culture, especially as it pertains to social, economic, and political interactions within the broader context of United States history. It requires an analysis of important ideas, social and cultural values, beliefs, and traditions. Knowledge of past achievements provides citizens of the 21st century with a broader context within which to address the many issues facing the United States.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)

Reference: [TEA African American Studies Standards](#)

First Semester (81 Days)

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

| Unit | Days | End Date |
|---|------|---------------|
| Supportive Learning Environment (SLE) | 3 | Aug. 15, 2025 |
| Introduction to Ethnic Studies | 8 | Aug. 27, 2025 |
| African Foundations (Prior to 1619) | 8 | Sept. 9, 2025 |
| Becoming African American (1619 – 1775) | 16 | Oct. 1, 2025 |
| The Struggle for Freedom (New Nation) | 6 | Oct. 9, 2025 |

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

| Unit | Days | End Date |
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| The Struggle for Freedom (New Nation) | 7 | Oct. 23, 2025 |
| The Struggle for Freedom (Cotton Kingdom) | 8 | Nov. 6, 2025 |
| The Struggle for Freedom (Opposition to Enslavement) | 14 | Dec. 3, 2025 |
| Reconstruction (1863 – 1876) | 11 | Dec. 18, 2025 |

Second Semester (92 Days)

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

| Unit | Days | End Date |
|---|-------------|-----------------|
| Supportive Learning Environment (SLE) | 1 | Jan. 6, 2026 |
| Jim Crowism and the Nadir (1877 – 1918) | 16 | Jan. 29, 2026 |
| Defining Freedom (1919 – 1954) | 16 | Feb. 24, 2026 |
| The Civil Rights Movement (1954 – Circa 1970) | 8 | March 6, 2026 |

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

| Unit | Days | End Date |
|---|------|----------------|
| The Civil Rights Movement (1954 – Circa 1970) | 9 | March 26, 2026 |
| The Black Revolution (Post 1970) | 20 | April 27, 2026 |
| Legacies of Black Culture | 22 | May 28, 2026 |

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.