



7th Grade Social Studies Instructional Plan: Fall Semester

Course Overview

Welcome to 7th grade Social Studies.

Contact Information

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Classroom Expectations

Be Respectful – Listen. Use kind words. Treat everyone and everything with care.

Be Responsible – Be on time. Bring what you need. Start bellwork immediately.

Follow Directions – Do what's asked the first time. Raise your hand to speak.

Stay Focused – Sit where you're supposed to. Keep your area tidy. Participate.

Stay Positive – Try your best. Learn from mistakes. Keep growing.

Attendance Policy & Its Importance

Attendance Is the First Step to Success

Coming to school every day ensures every student gets the instruction, connections, and support they need to learn, belong, and grow. Missing just a few days can create gaps in learning—but showing up builds confidence, community, and a path toward long-term achievement.

Please notify the school if your child will be absent. Frequent or extended absences may make it more difficult for your child to learn necessary foundational skills that ensure student success this year and in future school years.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the first semester, students will be able to:

TEKS

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Focus: Texas History & Civic Skills

New Standards Begin Fall 2024

Content Highlights

Students explore the history and development of Texas, including:



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- Native and early cultures of Texas
- Spanish & Mexican influence
- Texas Revolution and Republic
- Civil War & Reconstruction
- Civil Rights and modern Texas

Important Dates: 1519, 1718, 1836, 1845, 1861

New Skill-Based Learning

- **Critical Thinking:** Analyze events, support claims with evidence
 - **Source Evaluation:** Check for bias, accuracy, and credibility
 - **Civil Discourse:** Respectfully discuss multiple perspectives
 - **Civic Engagement:** Use models/simulations to explore democracy
 - **Problem-Solving:** Apply structured decision-making skills
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Student Expectations

- Understand key historical eras
- Make connections between past and present
- Explain the structure of government
- Recognize civic duties & rights

Course Resources

- Texas History Student Edition by McGraw Hill

Grading Policy

According to Midland ISD Grading Policy:

[Student Handbook](#)



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School-wide System of Communication

Families can reach out by email, phone, or messages during school hours. We are to hear, to listen, to answer questions, and support you both.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. We are excited to work together to make this a successful year of learning!

Please fill out the portion below and return this portion to your teacher.

We acknowledge that we have read and that we understand the expectations in [grade level or course]. We agree to contact the teacher should we have any questions or concerns regarding this instructional plan.

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Parent Signature : _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____