

Calallen ISD 2025-2026
Syllabus - Template

Campus: Calallen West and Magee Intermediate

Course and/or Grade Level: 4th Grade Social Studies

Course Description: Students explore the rich history of Texas from early American Indian cultures to the present day. They study key events such as European exploration, the Texas Revolution, the Republic of Texas, and Texas's annexation to the United States. Students examine how geography, human activity, and economic patterns shaped regions in Texas and North America. They learn about different forms of government, including American Indian self-governance and Spanish and Mexican rule in Texas. The course highlights the contributions of diverse cultural groups and the impact of science and technology on life in Texas. Students also build critical-thinking skills by analyzing cause-and-effect relationships, making comparisons, and drawing conclusions.

Semester 1: August 13 – December 19, 2025

1 st Quarter Topics	2 nd Quarter Topics
• <i>Unit 1 - Geography of Texas</i> ○ Thinking Like a Texas Geographer ○ Map Skills & Location ○ Regions of Texas ○ Texas Locations: Then & Now • <i>Unit 2 - American Indian Life in Texas</i> ○ American Indians in Texas ○ Culture & Lifestyle of American Indians in Texas ○ American Indians of Texas: Past & Present	• <i>Unit 3 - Exploration and Settlement</i> ○ European Exploration ○ Significant Explorers ○ Early Settlement and Spanish Missions ○ Mexican War of Independence • <i>Unit 4 - Revolution, Republic, and Statehood</i> ○ The Texas Revolution ○ Key Figures of the Texas Revolution ○ The Republic of Texas ○ The Annexation of Texas ○ Texas is Growing

Semester 2: January 5 – May 29, 2026

3 rd Quarter Topics	4 th Quarter Topics
• <i>Unit 4 - Revolution, Republic, and Statehood</i> ○ The Annexation of Texas ○ Texas is Growing • <i>Unit 5 - Developing a Texas Government</i> ○ Texas Government ○ Important Documents in Texas History ○ Celebrate Freedom • <i>Unit 6 - Civil War and Reconstruction in Texas</i> ○ The Civil War in Texas ○ Reconstruction ○ Settling the Texas Frontier ○ Texas Railroads	• <i>Unit 7 - 20th Century Texas</i> ○ The Great Depression and the Dust Bowl ○ World War II ○ Science & Technology in Texas • <i>Unit 8 - Texas Citizenship and Culture</i> ○ Citizens: Rights, Responsibilities, & Active Participation ○ Texas Citizens ○ Texas Pride ○ Texas Culture ○ Texas Arts ○ Year in Review

**Minor adjustment to the schedule may be made based on campus schedules and student needs.*