1st Grade Social Studies

The purpose of this document is to clarify what students should know and be able to do each grading period.

The **Competencies** listed in the table below are developed from the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for that grade level. The chart defines which quarter the Competency is reported (Q1 = Grading Period 1, Q2 = Grading Period 2, etc.)

Teachers will report on the competencies using the **Competency Progressions** which are comprised of three proficiency levels (developing (DV), progressing (PG), and proficient (PG) and defines the knowledge and skills students will master on their pathway to proficiency. The Learning Progressions for each Competency are below the yearlong outline of the Competencies. Following the Learning Progression are the Competency Success Criteria, which define what a student knows and is able to do related to that competency at the end of a unit or quarter. To see what success on the competencies looks like in a particular unit, please see the **Public Overview** document for the course.

Students who receive a mark of "**Proficient**" meet the grade level expectation for that Competency.

Competencies	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
C1— Government The student understands the role of leaders and public officials in our community, state, and country.	X			
C2— Citizenship The student understands the role of good citizens in our communities.	X			
C3— Map Skills The student understands how to interpret and create a map of real place.		X		
C4—Culture The student understands that we live in a diverse community, but we share many similarities		X		
C5— Geography: Physical and Human Characteristics The student understands how geography influences their lives.			X	
C6— History The student understands how historical figures helped shape the state and nation.			X	
C7— Economics The student understands choices people make as a consumer and as a worker.				X
C8—Critical Thinking Skills The student applies critical thinking skills to gather and interpret information and to communicate in oral, visual, and written forms.	X	X	X	X

Competency Progression 5: Geography: Physical and Human Characteristics

The student understands how geography influences their lives.

Developing	Progressing	Proficient
Differentiates between land and water on a map Identifies human characteristics such as shelter, clothing, food, and activities	Identifies landforms, bodies of water, Earth's resources, and weather Identifies how human characteristics such as shelter, clothing, food, and activities are based on geographic location	Describes the physical characteristics of a place such as landforms, bodies of water, Earth's resources, and weather Describes how human characteristics of a place are based on geography such as food, shelter, clothing and activities

Competency Progression 6: History

The student understands how historical figures helped shape the state and nation.

Developing	Progressing	Proficient
Identify something that happened yesterday and today Identifies authority figures in the home, school, and community Places events in chronological order	Distinguishes among past, present, and future Identifies historical figures who have influenced the state and nation Uses vocabulary related to time and chronology Describes and measure calendar time by days, weeks, months, and years	Compares similarities and differences of historical figures and others who influenced state or nation Uses a timeline that incorporate past, present and future Identifies the contributions of historical figures

Competency Progression 8: Critical Thinking Skills

The student applies critical thinking skills to gather and interpret information and to communicate in oral, visual, and written forms.

Developing	Progressing	Proficient
Identify facts based on evidence Identify social studies terminology Create visual material Gather information from pictures Communicate information based on my own experiences	State facts based on evidence Use social studies terminology correctly Gather information about a topic from multiple sources Communicate information orally based on knowledge and experience	Identify and state facts based on relevant evidence Gather information about a topic using a variety of valid oral and visual sources such as interviews, music, pictures, symbols, and artifacts with adult assistance Interpret visual and written material Sequence and categorize information Communicate information visually, orally, or in writing based on knowledge and experiences