

CFISD Ethnic Studies: African American Studies Scope and Sequence (2026–2027)

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](#)

In accordance with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), Celebrate Freedom Week will be incorporated during the week of September 17.

First Semester (80 Days)

1st Grading Period – Ends Oct. 8, 2026 (41 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Supportive Learning Environment (SLE)	3	Aug. 14, 2026
Introduction to Ethnic Studies	8	Aug. 26, 2026
African Foundations (Prior to 1619)	8	Sept. 8, 2026
Becoming African American (1619 – 1775)	16	Sept. 30, 2026
The Struggle for Freedom (New Nation)	6	Oct. 8, 2026

2nd Grading Period – Ends Dec. 18, 2026 (39 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
The Struggle for Freedom (New Nation)	7	Oct. 27, 2026
The Struggle for Freedom (Cotton Kingdom)	8	Nov. 9, 2026
The Struggle for Freedom (Opposition to Enslavement)	14	Dec. 4, 2026

Unit	Days	End Date
Reconstruction (1863 – 1876)	10	Dec. 18, 2026

Second Semester (93 Days)

3rd Grading Period – Ends March 11, 2027 (46 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Supportive Learning Environment (SLE)	1	Jan. 5, 2027
Jim Crowism and the Nadir (1877 – 1918)	16	Jan. 28, 2027
Defining Freedom (1919 – 1954)	16	Feb. 22, 2027
The Civil Rights Movement (1954 – Circa 1970)	13	March 11, 2027

4th Grading Period – Ends May 27, 2027 (47 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
The Civil Rights Movement (1954 – Circa 1970)	4	March 25, 2027
The Black Revolution (Post 1970)	20	April 23, 2027
Legacies of Black Culture	23	May 27, 2027

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.