

Texas FAQs

Why did you change the curriculum?

Our goal is to provide you with the best curriculum possible, so we partnered with expert Texas educators to update Texas Studies Weekly to give you better materials, sources, and content designed to meet the updated streamlined TEKS available in 2021.

How is the new curriculum different from what I had before?

The new curriculum provides 100% coverage of TEKS for grades K-5 and was developed in partnership with Texas educators.

The new curriculum has 25% more content in print and online with stronger aligned Lexile levels. It also has STAAR-based assessments that focus on highly-tested ELAR skills in grades 3-5.

The Teacher Edition is better organized. It outlines the standards covered in each lesson and includes background knowledge for each unit, Language for Social Studies Learning vocabulary words, home and school connections, and well-being discussion questions to promote student health.

I have lesson plans and activities already that fit with the old curriculum. How much work will I need to do to start using the new publications?

As with any new curriculum, you will need to make some changes. Some lessons you'll be able to use; others you'll need to adjust or will no longer fit. The new curriculum includes assessments, lesson plans, graphic organizers, and videos tied to the content so you have materials readily available to make using the new curriculum easier.

Does it have Critical Race Theory (CRT) in it?

Our curriculum does NOT include Critical Race Theory. We do NOT take a stance on what should or should not be included in your curriculum. We leave that up to your Department of Education.

Does it have SEL in it?

There are no SEL lessons in these publications. The teacher edition has questions teachers can use to address student health, but there are no lesson plans around SEL.

What is your political agenda as you build your curriculum?

Studies Weekly has no political agenda. We tightly align our curriculum to your state's standards so that you teach social studies your way. We stick to the facts by building our publications around primary sources so teachers and students can analyze them and come up with their own conclusions.