

Social Studies Newsletter

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- Holocaust Remembrance Week: January 27-31, 2025
- Texas State Board of Education Meeting, January 31, 2025
- Black History Month: February 2025
- [Clear Connections for Social Studies and English Language Arts](#)

and Reading

- o Dates: March 5 and 6
- Interactive Online Learning Grant, Cycle 2
- Upcoming Innovative Course Application Cycle

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The [THGAAC web page for Holocaust Remembrance Week](#) provides the following resources, which can be used during Holocaust Remembrance Week, January 27, as well as other times of the year:

- x [Holocaust Instruction Requirements for Texas Schools](#)
- x [the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission](#)

[website](#)

January 2025

2025-2027 Interactive Online Learning Grant, Cycle 2

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is providing a competitive grant opportunity to award funding to support the implementation of an effective cross-curricular interactive online learning model(s) in middle school and/or high school for instruction in English language arts and U.S. history and/or Texas history. All school districts and open enrollment charter schools are eligible to apply for funding to support the implementation of an interactive online learning model(s) in the ~~2025~~ and 2026-2027 schoolyears. The 2025-2027 Interactive Online Learning Grant, Cycle 2 application is available on the [TEA Grants Opportunities](#) web page.

Key Dates

Date	Timeline of Events
January 6, 2025	IDC application available in eGrants
January 15, 2025	Last day to submit FAQs to TEA contact person
February 5, 2025	IDC application due by 11:59 p.m. (Central Time) via eGrants
March 14, 2025	Anticipated award announcement
March 14, 2025	Beginning date of grant (if selected for funding)
August 1, 2026	Status report due
February 1, 2027	Final report due
April 30, 2027	Ending date of grant (if selected for funding)

Program Contact

If you have any questions, please email Eric Fredrickson at eric.fredrickson@tea.texas.gov. All questions received will be answered through a separate frequently asked questions document and posted to the [TEA Grants Opportunities](#) web page on January 24, 2025.

Upcoming Innovative Course Application Cycle

The next available opportunity for stakeholders to submit new and renewal innovative course applications is coming soon. Innovative course applications that are considered and approved by the State Board of Education (SBOE) for this upcoming cycle ~~will be~~ available for districts and open-enrollment charters for the 2026-2027 school year. Some important dates include the following:

Date	Milestone
January 17, 2025	Information regarding innovative courses and renewals is made available on the TEA innovative courses webpage
February 24, 2025	Application window is open for the 2026-2027 cycle. Applicants may begin to submit materials.
September 12, 2025	Application deadline—New innovative course and renewal applications are due.

Stakeholders can learn more about innovative courses and the upcoming application cycle on the [TEA innovative courses webpage](#).