Fourth Grade Social Studies Course Description:
- In grade 4, students examine the history of Texas from the early beginnings to the present within the context of influences of North America. Historical content focuses on Texas history, including the Texas Revolution, establishment of the Republic of Texas, annexation of Texas.
- Students discuss important issues, events, and individuals of the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries.
- Students conduct a thorough study of regions in Texas and North America
- Students describe how early American Indians in Texas and North America met their basic economic needs
- Students identify motivations for European exploration and colonization and reasons for the establishment of Spanish settlements and missions
- Students explain how American Indians governed themselves
- Students identify characteristics of Spanish colonial and Mexican governments in Texas
- Students recite and explain the meaning of the Pledge to the Texas Flag
- Students identify the contributions of people of various groups to Texas
- Students describe the impact of science and technology on life in the state
- Students use critical thinking skills to identify cause-and-effect relationships, compare and contrast, and make generalizations and predictions

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### 2019-2020 Fourth Grade Year at a Glance

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| | Map Skills & Regions | • Use of geographic tools to collect, analyze, and interpret data  
• The concept of regions  
• Location and patterns of settlement and the geographic factors that influence where people live  
• How people adapt to and modify their environment |
| | Native Texans | • Origins, similarities, and differences of American Indian groups in Texas and North America before European exploration  
• Basic economic activities of early societies in Texas and North America  
• How people organized governments in different ways during the early development of Texas |
| | Exploration | • Causes and effects of European exploration and colonization of Texas and North America  
• Patterns of work and economic activities in Texas |
| 2<sup>nd</sup> Grading Period: Colonization & Independence | Colonization & Missions | • Causes and effects of European exploration and colonization of Texas and North America  
• Basic economic activities of early societies in Texas and North America  
• How people organized governments in different ways during the early development of Texas |
| | Colonies & Empresarios | • Cause and effects of European exploration and colonization of Texas and North America  
• The location and patterns of settlement and the geographic factors that influence where people live  
• How people adapt to and modify their environment  
• Basic economic activities of early societies in Texas and North America |
| | Revolution & Independence | • The importance of the Texas Revolution, the Republic of Texas, and the annexation of Texas to the United States  
• Important ideas in historical documents of Texas and the United States  
• Important customs, symbols, and celebration of Texas |
| 3<sup>rd</sup> Grading Period: Entrepreneurs & Economics | Republic of Texas | • The importance of the Texas Revolution, the Republic of Texas, and the annexation of Texas to the United States |
| | Annexation & the U.S.-Mexican War | • The importance of the Texas Revolution, the Republic of Texas, and the annexation of Texas to the United States |
| | Civil War & Reconstruction | • The political, economic, and social changes in Texas during the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century |
| 4th Grading Period: Inventors & Innovators | Cattle, Railroads, & Oil | • Political, economic, and social changes in Texas during the last half of the 19th century  
• Important issues, events, and individuals of the 20th century in Texas  
• The location and patterns of settlement and the geographic factors that influence where people live |
| 20th Century Texas | • Important issues, events, and individuals of the 20th century in Texas  
• How Texas, the United States, and other parts of the world are economically interdependent |
| Interdependence & Scientific Discoveries | • The impact of science and technology on life in Texas |
| Government & Texas Heritage and Culture | • The importance of active individual participation in the democratic process  
• The importance of effective leadership in a constitutional republic  
• The contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to Texas |
| Economic Growth | • How people adapt to and modify their environment  
• The characteristics and benefits of the free enterprise system in Texas  
• Patterns of work and economic activities in Texas |