



TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION

SAVE TEXAS HISTORY TALKING POINTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Texas students are being taught to hate America through a broken system that erases the ideals of American exceptionalism and Texan greatness. The State Board of Education must adopt the Comprehensive Model to restore patriotic, chronological, and unifying history education before it's too late.

TALKING POINTS—OPTION 2, THE REPETITIVE MODEL, IS BAD FOR TEXANS

- Students are being taught to hate America—our current system fails to instill pride in our nation's founding and values. Teachers taught pedagogies of oppression in colleges of education, bring privilege waks and oppression narratives into the classroom.
- The Repetitive Model would be a disaster because it cancels the ideals of American exceptionalism and Texan greatness and focuses strictly on events and dates, excluding context and ideals.
- It eliminates 8th grade Texas History as a standalone course—students no longer get dedicated instruction on our state's story.
- This model fragments history across grades and strips away the chronological understanding of how ideas and events connect.
- The Repetitive Model reduces history to shallow trivia and test prep instead of teaching principles like liberty, natural rights, and self-government.
- Only 30% of 8th graders met grade-level expectations on the STAAR Social Studies exam—proof the current repetitive model, Option 1, is broken.
- The Comprehensive Model, Option 3, promotes a love of country while also encouraging honest reflection on our triumphs and trials.
- This isn't about politics—it's about teaching truth, building pride, and preparing the next generation to carry our legacy forward. Option 3, the Comprehensive Model, is best suited to accomplish this.
- The State Board of Education votes the week of September 9th—Now is the time to act. Encourage your State Board of Education member to support Option 3, the Comprehensive Model.
- We must demand the Comprehensive Model and restore patriotic, chronological, and unifying history education in Texas.