

What's Happening With Texas Public Schools?

What is going on?

The Texas State Board of Education (SBOE) is rewriting the social studies curriculum and is considering a required reading list proposed by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for every public school student in Texas. Both decisions affect what millions of Texas children learn — and both were made without meaningful input from parents, teachers, or faith communities.

What's wrong with the curriculum?

- 130 Texas teachers were given two-and-a-half days to review content they could not meaningfully change. Texas law requires the direct participation of educators and parents in this process. That did not happen.
- The curriculum revision handed unusual influence to nine political appointees known as "content advisors" — including David Barton, a man dropped by his own publisher for fabricating historical quotes.
- Biblical narratives positioned as the foundation of American law and identity.
- Historically nonsensical requirements like teaching Texas and U.S. history during time periods when neither existed.
- A rushed process that gave teachers two-and-a-half days to review content they could not meaningfully change.

What is wrong with the reading list?

- The State of Texas is listed as the author of biblical texts assigned to kindergartners.
- Every biblical text on this list uses a Protestant Christian translation (except one outdated Jewish translation). Otherwise, no other faith tradition is represented.
- The law required one text per grade level. The TEA created lists of 17 to 34 per grade, for a total of 200. This puts an impossible burden on teachers.

What can you do?

Show up in Austin the week of April 6th through the 10th. The Social Studies curriculum is on Monday. The Reading List is on Tuesday. Testify. Contact your board member. Tell them — educate our children, protect their faith freedom.