

Texas State Capitol

Teacher Guide

4th-6th Grade Tour

A field trip to the Texas State Capitol provides an exciting and unique experience for students of all ages. The Texas Capitol has stood for more than 120 years and has become a dynamic symbol of the state.



The Capitol has **FREE** guided tours that are offered daily. The tours focus on architecture, Texas history and the legislative process. For more information and to schedule your tour please call 512.305.8402.

The 4th-6th Grade tour emphasizes the Texas Revolution, establishment of the Republic of Texas and subsequent annexation to the United States.

Students will discover the contributions of people of various racial and ethnic groups to Texas. Students learn about the foundations of state government in the very building where laws are enacted.

Students generally do the following:

- ★ **View** the monumental painting, "The Surrender of Santa Anna" in the *South Foyer*.
- ★ **Discover** the six sovereign nations that have governed Texas on the floor of the *Rotunda*.
- ★ **See** portraits of diverse Texas heroes including Stephen F. Austin, Lorenzo DeZavala and Barbara Jordan in the *Senate Chamber*.
- ★ **Learn** how laws are made in the *House of Representatives Chamber*.
- ★ **Explore** the Texas-sized architecture of the statehouse in the *Capitol Extension*.

The tour meets the following Social Studies TEKS objectives:

4th Grade

- 4.2A, 2C & 2E
- 4.3A, 3B & 3C
- 4.4A
- 4.15B
- 4.16A
- 4.17D
- 4.18A
- 4.21A
- 4.22A & 22C

5th Grade

- 5.16A
- 5.17E
- 5.18A & 18B
- 5.24A
- 5.25A & 25C

6th Grade

- 6.11A & 11B
- 6.12A
- 6.13A & 13B
- 6.21A
- 6.22A & 22C

