

# Texas Capitol Visitors Center Teacher Guide Middle School Tour

The Capitol Visitors Center is housed in the restored 1856 General Land Office building, the oldest state office building in Texas. The Visitors Center is located on the southeast corner of the Capitol Grounds. **FREE** guided tours are offered daily.



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The Capitol Visitors Center offers free tours for students of all ages. The middle school tour features interactive exhibits and presentations aligned with TEKS objectives. Through these hands-on activities students will learn about the history of Texas, the Capitol and the General Land Office.

## The Tour Features the Following Activities:

**Primary Sources:** A hands-on exhibit about land grants of the Republic of Texas.

**History Quest:** Student teams research Texas history by using interactive computer stations and historical exhibits.

**Texas Capitol-Building for the Ages:** A new video revealing the unique history, function and architecture of the Capitol.

Here is what teachers have to say about their student's tour experience...

- ★ "It reinforced what I have been teaching."
- ★ "We enjoyed our visit very much, the kids loved it. We will definitely be back!"
- ★ "The activities were ALL wonderful, very hands on and interesting. Our guide was wonderful and kept things moving quickly!"

The tour meets the following Social Studies TEKS objectives:

### 7th Grade

- ★ 7.1A & 1C
- ★ 7.2F
- ★ 7.3B, 3C & 3D
- ★ 7.4A
- ★ 7.6B
- ★ 7.7D
- ★ 7.11A
- ★ 7.19C
- ★ 7.21A & 21C
- ★ 7.22A & 22C

### 8th Grade

- ★ 8.1A
- ★ 8.2A
- ★ 8.6E
- ★ 8.23A
- ★ 8.29A & 29C
- ★ 8.30A & 30C

