Texas Schools Special Observance Days (Curriculum) Overview and Resources

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August

26th	**Women's Independence Day** ... to commemorate the ratification in 1920 of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guaranteed women the right to vote; to inspire a greater appreciation of the importance of women's suffrage. Resources	Sec. 662.051	Required

September

11th	**Texas First Responders Day** ... in honor of the bravery, courage, and determination of Texas men and women who assist others in emergencies. **National Day of Remembrance (Patriot Day)** ...to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001. Resources	Sec. 662.050	Required
Week in which the 17th falls	**Celebrate Freedom Week and Constitution Day** ...to educate students about the sacrifices made for freedom in the founding of this country and the values on which this country was founded Elementary Resources Secondary Resources	Sec. 29.907	Required
3rd Wed of the Month	**Dr. Hector P. Garcia Day** ... in memory of the significant contributions to the Mexican American civil rights movement of Dr. Hector P. Garcia, a distinguished physician and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the founder of the American GI Forum, which promotes civil rights protection of Hispanic veterans and all Americans. Dr. Garcia, a World War II hero, was awarded a Bronze Star Medal with six battle stars in recognition of his meritorious service to the United States ... to properly commemorate the importance of the contributions made by Dr. Garcia. Resources	Sec. 662.055	Optional
30th	**American Indian Heritage Day** ... in recognition of the historic, cultural, and social contributions American Indian communities and leaders have made to this state... to honor American Indians in this state and to celebrate the rich traditional and contemporary American Indian culture. Resources	Sec. 662.056	Required

November

3rd	**Father of Texas Day** ... in memory of Stephen F. Austin, the great pioneer patriot and the real and true Father of Texas ... to properly commemorate the birthday of Stephen F. Austin and to inspire a greater love for this beloved state. Resources	Sec. 662.045	Required

December

6th	**Sam Rayburn Day** ... in memory of that great Texas and American statesman, Sam Rayburn Resources	Sec. 662.041	Required

January

Week that includes Jan. 27	**Holocaust Remembrance Week** ... to educate students about the Holocaust and inspire in students a sense of responsibility to recognize and uphold human value and to prevent future atrocities. Elementary Resources Secondary Resources	Sec. 662.041	Required

February

2nd	**Texas Military Heroes Day** ... to educate students about the sacrifices made by brave Texans who have served in the armed forces of the United States. Resources	TEC. 29.9071	Required
19th	**State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day (STAR)** ... in honor of Texas joining the Union and the day that James Pinckney Henderson became the first governor of the State of Texas... to commemorate the annexation of this state and to inspire a greater appreciation for the history of this state Resources	Sec. 662.047	Required
19th	**Iwo Jima Day** ... in memory of the heroism and courage of the men and women of the armed forces of the United States who participated in the successful capture of the island of Iwo Jima beginning February 19, 1945. Resources	Sec. 662.062	Optional

March

1st	**Texas Girls in STEM Day** ... to celebrate and encourage the participation of girls in this state in fields related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics... to encourage girls in this state to consider career fields in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and [to] celebrate and honor the women of this state who have excelled in those fields. Resources	Sec. 662.073	Required
Month-long	**Texas History Month** ... in honor of those Texans who helped shape the history of the State of Texas and in recognition of events throughout Texas' history... to promote interest in and knowledge of Texas history. Resources	Sec. 662.102	Required