

IMPROVING EIGHTH-GRADERS' UNDERSTANDING OF SOCIAL STUDIES

PROJECT TIMELINE

All schools will be **randomly assigned** to receive the professional development (PD) and materials either in the **summer/fall of 2020** OR **spring of 2021**.
(Schools will be notified of their assignment as soon as possible to allow ample time for planning.)

	If Receiving PD in 2020	If Receiving PD in 2021
Summer/fall 2020	Attend 2 days of PD (exact scheduling based on school preference)	
Early fall 2020	Administer pretests (three 45-minute tests)	Administer pretests (three 45-minute tests)
Fall 2020	Teach Colonial America, Road to Revolution, and Revolutionary War units using PACT materials	Provide your typical social studies/history instruction
Fall 2020	Audio-record your lessons in one class period on a recording device provided by researchers	Audio-record your lessons in one class period on a recording device provided by researchers
After teaching Colonial America	Attend a 3-hour booster session	
After teaching Revolutionary War	Administer posttests (three 45-minute tests)	Administer posttests (three 45-minute tests)
9 weeks after posttest	Administer a follow-up test (one 45-minute test) 9 weeks after teaching Revolutionary War	Administer a follow-up test (one 45-minute test) 9 weeks after teaching Revolutionary War
Spring, summer, or fall 2021		OPTIONAL: Attend PD (exact scheduling based on school preference) and receive all lesson materials. Teachers may use these materials however they prefer.

RESEARCH RESPONSIBILITIES

UT Austin Staff Members

- ✓ **Randomly assign schools** to receive PD in 2020 OR 2021
- ✓ **Provide teachers with 2 days of PD and one 3-hour booster session**
- ✓ **Cover the cost of substitutes** so teachers can attend PD (if needed)
- ✓ **Provide all project materials at no cost**
- ✓ **Provide a stipend to all teachers**
- ✓ **Deliver a summative report to principals** describing the success of the project at the school
- ✓ **Provide reimbursement or payment** for data culled from Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) database

Teachers

- ✓ **Attend PD**
- ✓ **Work with researchers to collect student consent forms**
- ✓ **Record eighth-grade social studies instruction daily** on a researcher-provided audio-recording device
- ✓ **Administer standardized assessments** of social studies knowledge and reading comprehension to students
- ✓ **Complete brief surveys**

District Staff Members

- ✓ **Allow teachers to attend PD and implement the lesson plans**
- ✓ **Provide data from PEIMS database** once at the end of the academic year

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Questions?

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