

Welcome to the State Fair of Texas Curriculum! A very talented team of certified Texas teachers has developed a rich curriculum for YOU, all designed to seamlessly integrate into the first part of your year. While we were writing, we included the Texas State Learning Standards that would be most useful for the first 8 weeks of the school year – which is when the Fair ends – in the following High School subjects:

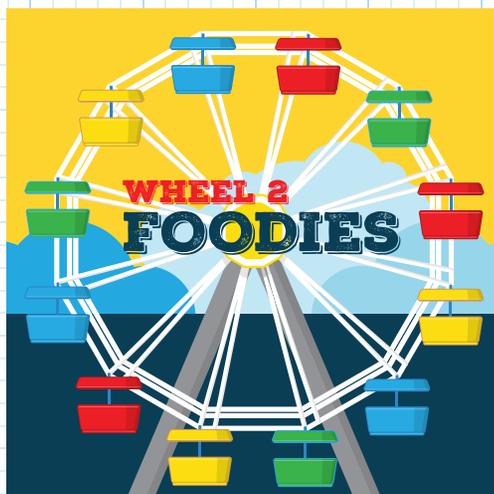
- ★ English/ELAR
- ★ Art (I & II)
- ★ Social Studies
 - U.S. History
 - U.S. Government
 - World History
 - Geography/World Geography
 - Economics
 - Sociology
 - Psychology
- ★ Science
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Environmental Science
 - Physics
- ★ Math
 - Algebra I & II
 - Geometry
 - Pre-Cal
 - AQR
- ★ Career Development

We've designed dozens of exciting "Quests" for your kids to embark upon:

41 Quests, organized into one of 4 themed "Ferris Wheels"...



Spend time around the Midway as you shoot baskets, count your coupons, and figure out your chances of winning a big prize! Draw caricatures of your friends as they try their hand at scoring that shot, and delve into the reasons of *why* people choose rides in the first place.



Fried stuff, sweet stuff, cooking competitions, savory delights...there's food all over the Fair, and it's waiting for you to explore! We have 10 Quests that can take you throughout Fair Park, tasting and note-taking, before you get back to class to...maybe create your own recipe, an art piece dedicated to your finds, or a presentation on how to help the Fair go green by recycling! It's all up to you.



Explore the Livestock Barns, find the Woofus, or discover what it's like to raise a cow, or a chicken, or a pig! How much water does a longhorn drink in a day, anyway? Anything living goes in these Quests, and you...go here!



This is where the shopping happens! We have designed 10 Quests dedicated to all the areas in the Fair where you can buy things. Cars, crafts, and commerce means just that: You can explore the Auto Show to find your future dream car or even plan which mattress you'll need when you go off to college! In these Quests, you'll see all there is to buy at the Fair while using your skills back in class to process what you learned.

WHY WRITE THIS CURRICULUM? WE HAD THREE GOALS IN MIND:

1. EDUCATION: THE FAIR IS A PLACE FOR LEARNING, NOT JUST FRIED STUFF.

While we do have an awesome section for Foodies, you will not believe how much you can learn while gazing down upon a scrumptious fried delicacy! The State Fair of Texas is an incredible wealth of knowledge. There is so much to digest, and we've designed over forty incredible lessons that connect directly to the Texas state standards.

2. CONNECTION: USE THOSE FREE TICKETS!

Did you know the Fair gives over a million free tickets to public school kids each year? Yet sadly, not all of those tickets are used. We wanted to provide lessons to connect with what kids are doing in school, and to show them all the treasures there are to discover at the State Fair.

3. AG: SUPPORT THE COWS!

...and the Farmers! There is so much to know about Texas Agriculture. And what better place for kids to learn more than at the Fair? Yet, far too often, students don't venture deeply into the Agricultural areas of the State Fair. Our Live @ the Fair Quests will bring inquiring minds to the Livestock Barns and get them really thinking about the issues that are important to the future of Texas Agriculture, like sustainability, drought, feeding, responsibility, and career options.

SO COME ON IN AND ENTER THE EDUCATIONAL SIDE OF THE TEXAS STATE FAIR!