The Tejano History Curriculum Project,  
Executive Summary

Goal

The Tejano History Curriculum Project (THCP) seeks to provide teacher training and instructional materials supporting effective inclusion of Hispanic historical and cultural contributions to Texas history in the fourth and fifth grade Texas social studies curriculum (the TEKS) and to offer the curricular model to a wider audience of parents, teachers, and youth in a summer camp setting and in workshops throughout the state to be sponsored by the state’s Education Service Centers. The three-year project will focus on predominantly low and moderate-income Hispanic elementary schools. The THCP would highlight significant historical themes, topics, and related primary records as well as the Tejano Monument, the most important site of Hispanic historical and cultural memory in Texas history.

Activities

- Develop teacher training materials supporting the inclusion of Tejano history in fourth and fifth-grade social studies classrooms and the significance of the Tejano Monument
- Collaborate with leading professional historians to insure effective selection of themes, topics, and primary source materials for the planned curriculum
- Provide curriculum development instruction in Tejano history to undergraduate students in the College of Education at the University of Texas at Austin
- Provide instructional materials to elementary school teacher to support social studies TEKS
- Distribute instructional materials to the teachers and the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) public through a web portal
- Evaluate teacher and undergraduate education student training and classroom materials for effectiveness
- Highlight elementary student exhibit and performance activities at the unveiling ceremonies of the Tejano Monument
- Incorporate THCP materials into the MACC summer camp activities for community enrichment and in teacher workshops throughout the state

Anticipated Outcomes

- Support implementing revised 2010 TEKS for fourth and fifth grade social studies through teacher training and classroom materials
  - 40 undergraduate education majors in Fall and Spring courses at the University of Texas at Austin and six current Austin Independent School District teachers (serving 200 students) will receive training and materials
  - Provide materials to undetermined numbers of teachers and the public via the Tejano Monument web portal
  - Offer exhibit and performance activities by elementary school children to audience of Tejano Monument unveiling
- Develop and provide community-based summer camps incorporating THCP materials and related arts activities serving 75 youth
- Develop and provide 15 teacher training workshops with a total of 1,000 teachers in school districts throughout the state