

Social Studies Grade 7-9 New Curriculum Committee Work Plan

The following work plan represents the collaborative effort of the Designers of Professional Learning for The Consortium. Together, they are creating professional learning opportunities and resources to support the new curriculum announced by Alberta Education. The specific activities and resources included within the work plan represents the voices of Alberta teachers and system leaders shared with The Consortium staff across Alberta. The work plan builds on the strategies contained in the APLC Strategic Plan for 2025/2026 and aligns with the New Curriculum priority.

Membership

Member	Consortia	Member	Consortia
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Meetings

- Meetings are held monthly from September 2025 through June 2026 and are convened virtually via Zoom. Up to two “face to face” meetings will be held throughout the year.
- Committee meetings are intended to accomplish the work identified in the APLC Terms of Reference for all New Curriculum Committees.
- The Social Studies Committee members meet with Regional Advisory Committees from across the province to inform the plan.



Deliverables & Timeline

Deliverable	Descriptor	Timeline
<p>Resource: Social Studies Curriculum Implementation Tool Kit</p> <p>Domain 1: Teacher Foundational Knowledge (Pedagogy and Content Knowledge)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an on demand video that explores curriculum architecture for teaching for transfer Create materials that outline how to identify and use primary and secondary source materials Develop a <i>Glossary of Terms</i> resource document Highlight curricular connections in the Indigenous Culture Based Learning in the Alberta Curriculum 	March 2027
Domain 2: Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a <i>Scope and Sequence</i> documents Explore unit planning, long range planning and Four Foundations planning templates and exemplars for grade 7, 8, and 9 	March 2027
Domain 3: Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop <i>Criteria for Success</i> resources and documents Develop <i>Identifying Evidence for Learning</i> resources and documents Explore transferable assessment tools and strategies (rubrics, checklists, etc) Explore KUSPs to deepen understanding of the curriculum 	March 2027
Domain 4: Pedagogy and Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a <i>How to DO Social Studies</i> resource document 	March 2027

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop <i>Critical Thinking</i> tools and templates • Develop <i>How to design for Historical Thinking</i> tools, templates • Identify how to incorporate the <i>Four Foundations Approach</i> into practice • Develop a <i>How to Effectively Use Media Texts and Awe-inspiring Books</i> resource 	
Domain 5: Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and highlight curriculum content resources to enhance teacher content knowledge • Development of Boards on New Learn Alberta • Increasing awareness of the <i>Indigenous Based Culture Based Learning Alberta Curriculum</i> resource by highlighting connections • Create resource document that highlights District Led/Created Resources available 	March 2027
Professional Learning Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop professional learning sessions and series to support teacher awareness and understanding of the Grade 7-9 Social Studies Curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summer Symposium 2026 	March 2026