

IMPROVING 8TH-GRADERS' UNDERSTANDING OF SOCIAL STUDIES

PROJECT TIMELINE

All teachers' class sections will be randomly assigned to be a part of the treatment or comparison condition.

Participants in 2023-2024 School Year	
Summer/fall 2023	➤ Attend a 1-day PD (exact scheduling based on school preference)
Early fall 2023	➤ Administer pretest (one 35-minute test) ➤ Help collect student consent forms
Fall 2023	➤ Teach Colonial America, Road to Revolution, and American Revolution units using PACT materials ➤ Receive instructional support from UT team
Fall 2023	➤ Audio-record your lessons <u>daily for one unit in two class periods</u> using a recording device provided by researchers
After teaching Colonial America	➤ Attend a 1.5-hour booster session
After teaching American Revolution	➤ Administer posttests (two 35-minute tests)
9 weeks after posttest	➤ Administer a follow-up test (one 35-minute test) 9 weeks after teaching American Revolution

RESEARCH RESPONSIBILITIES

UT Austin Staff Members

- Randomly assign class sections** to condition in early Fall 2023
- Provide teachers with a 1-day PD** and one 1.5-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 participating teachers**
- Deliver a summative report to principals** describing the success of the project
- Provide reimbursement or payment** for data culled from Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) database

Teachers

- Attend PD**
- Work with researchers to distribute and collect student and parent consent forms**
- Deliver PACT instructional practices to some of their classes**
- Allow for UT personnel to provide in-class coaching**
- Record 8th grade social studies instruction daily for one unit in two classes** (one treatment/one control) 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

Questions?

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