

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

APRIL 21, 2020

SUBJECT:

Forensic Science Textbook Adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The District examines and evaluates textbooks adopted by the State for use in the classroom and recommends to the School Board those selected by teacher committees for our district. Upon approval by the School Board and funding by the State, schools may proceed to order those textbooks from the State Textbook Depository. This textbook was initially selected by a committee in the 2017-2018 school year, however it was not funded by the State. Only one school in ACPSD, Aiken High School opted to move forward with Forensic Science at that time. A decision was made not to order textbooks with district funds for that individual school.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

In the 2019-2020 School year a committee of the High School ED, Director of Curriculum Support, High School Science Content Interventionist and one representative from each high school met to discuss district-wide science curriculum alignment. At that meeting it was proposed that Forensic Science fills an important niche in elective science courses for graduation credit. Since then three additional schools have recommended adding the course to their offerings. Upon receipt of the State adopted textbook list, publishers provided schools with sample copies in the areas up for adoption to review and evaluate. The textbook selection was then revisited and agreed to by representatives of the 8 high schools.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adopt the textbook recommendations of the teacher committees.

ATTACHMENT:

List of textbook recommendations

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Instructional Materials Adoption Recommendations

High School

Forensic Science, grades 10-12

Forensic Science for High School, 3rd Edition,
(print and online). Barbara Ball

Kendall Hunt