

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

July 27, 2021

SUBJECT:

Textbook Adoptions for 2021-2022

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Due to the modified nature of the 2020-2021 school year and the unknown regarding funding from the General Assembly for instructional materials, the SC State Department of Education (SDE) delayed communication regarding textbook adoptions. Upon receipt of the State adopted textbook list on May 4, 2021, district instructional staff contacted publishers to request sample copies of instructional materials in the areas up for adoption. Some publishers were able to provide hard copies of their materials while other publishers provided digital access to materials or opted not to provide materials at all. The state did not offer a textbook caravan for the 2020-2021 school year, so opportunities for publishers to present their materials to teachers and administrators was minimal.

During the month of May, district instructional support staff facilitated textbook adoption committees for each course the State approved for adoption. Each school was given the opportunity to have one teacher serve on each of the textbook adoption committees. Textbook adoption committees had an initial meeting to review the materials that had been approved by the State as well as to ensure all committee members were able to access the materials for review. A rubric was developed for each committee to use in evaluating the materials. Following the initial meeting, committee members collaborated with other teachers in their respective school to review and evaluate the materials using the rubric. Each school identified the pros and cons of materials and ranked top choices. A final textbook adoption meeting was held where committee members shared individual school thoughts and came to consensus on the best match between the textbooks, the state standards, and the needs of our students. Each committee member submitted an official vote for their recommended textbook selection via Microsoft Teams Forms.

The SDE notified districts on June 30, 2021, which textbooks would officially be funded for the 2021-2022 school year. These include PreCalculus, Calculus (includes AP), Statistics (includes AP), and Probability and Statistics.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adopt the textbook recommendations of the teacher committees.

ATTACHMENT:

List of textbook recommendations

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Decision Item-2

2021-22 Instructional Materials Adoption Recommendations

Pre-Calculus, 9-12:

Precalculus with Limits: A Graphing Approach, 8th Edition
Author: Larson

Cengage

Calculus, 9-12 (includes AP AB/BC):

Calculus for AP[®], 2nd Edition
Author: Larson

Cengage

Statistics, AP/IB:

The Practice of Statistics, 6th Edition Update
Author: Daren Starnes

Bedford

Probability and Statistics:

Statistics and Probability with Applications, 4th Edition
Author: Daren Starnes

Bedford