

**HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Date: November 18, 2024

Agenda Item: N.2a

Board Goal: Student Achievement

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of the Annual Renewal of Assessment, Data Management, and Professional Development Platform - Eduphoria

Administrator Responsible/Position: Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer  
Derek McDaniel, Executive Officer of C&I

**A. Purpose of Agenda Item:**

Action needed                       Information only                       Receive input

**B. Authority for This Action:**

Local Policy                       Law or Rule                       N/A

**C. Goal or Need Addressed:**

The purpose of this agenda item is to approve the Assessment, Data Management, and Professional Development platform Eduphoria for the 2024-2025 school year for all elementary, middle, and high school campuses.

**D. Summary:**

- Previous board action relating to this item** – Previously approved November 2023
- Future action anticipated** – There will be an annual cost for the program.
- Background information** – Eduphoria is the online platform for our district and campus level assessments, data analysis, and Professional Development management system. Both district and campus level assessments are created, administered, and analyzed through Eduphoria. Student accommodations, historical data, and other intervention forms are also maintained in the platform as well. In addition, the Professional Development department utilizes the platform to organize and maintain teacher training throughout the district. Hays CISD has been an early adopter of Eduphoria since 2008. As the district continues to grow and the added features of Eduphoria Aware Premium, the costs have risen and now require Board approval.

**E. Comments Received:**

- Cabinet**       DLT                       FBOC                       **Teacher Org. Reps.**
- Other:** Curriculum and Instruction and Software Committee, campus administrators and teachers continue to provide positive feedback on the Eduphoria platform

**F. Administrative Recommendation:** The administration recommends approval of the Assessment, Data Management, and Professional Development platform: Eduphoria.

**Advantages and benefits of this proposal:** Hays CISD students, teachers, and administrators are familiar and comfortable with the Eduphoria platform and have invested substantial time in creating and organizing content within the platform. Hays CISD teachers are able to share content across teams and with their district colleagues easily. Hays CISD curriculum resources are continuously updated to be used in the Eduphoria platform. Eduphoria has continuously updated and aligned the platform to meet the format and accommodations of STAAR 2.0 new item types which supports our Special Education and Bilingual students. Eduphoria Aware “Premium” is a newer feature that substantially increases the data analysis functions for teachers and enables them to make quick, effective, and accurate instructional decisions to support student instruction.

**Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement:** Administrators and teachers will be able to administer high-quality assessments, complete with built-in accommodations, student support and data analysis. The ability to quickly analyze student data enables teachers to provide high-quality instruction that meets students’ individual needs.

**Effect of this action on other parts of the system:** C&I hosts professional development and instructional resources for teachers and administrators on Eduphoria.

**Consequences for not approving this recommendation:** Historical data in Eduphoria could no longer be assessed such as student records of district-level and campus-level assessments. Teachers and students would need to learn a new platform, and teachers and district-level staff would have to recreate all prior assessments. Teachers would no longer have access to the professional development housed in Eduphoria.

- G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: Total Amount: \$102,701.25**  
 Budget – General Operating Fund     Bond     Grant/Special Funds     Other  
 Budget Amendment Needed  
Prior Year Spending – \$95,761  
**Bid/Contract Information:** RFP #06-122002JO, Expires: 12/14/2024  
**Reasons for rejecting alternatives:** Eduphoria is our data management system.  
**Future/Ongoing** – This procurement will be an annual cost.

- H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:**  
**Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action** – Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer, Derek McDaniel, Executive Officer of Curriculum & Instruction, Kevin Malandrucolo, Director of Assessment and Accountability  
**Evaluation method and time line** – Curriculum and Instruction will continue evaluating this software through instructional walks and feedback from professional development. In addition, C&I will continue to hold the software committee review panel in the spring semester to gather teacher feedback on district-provided resources.  
**Next report to the board** – We will report to the board in our annual software presentation/request for software purchase in the Spring.

- I. Suggested Motion:**  
I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the annual renewal of the assessment, data management, and professional development platform, Eduphoria, for an amount not to exceed \$102,701.25, as presented.