



Textbook Recommendation to the Board of Education

Subject/Course: Media Freedom and Power SCSU
First Presentation BOE Meeting Date: 9/9/2026

Grade Level: 11-12
Second Presentation BOE Meeting Date: Waived

Describe need for the textbook/materials:

Media Freedom and Power, offered as a dual enrollment opportunity by Southern Connecticut State University, serves as the capstone course in the Journalism Pathway, providing students the opportunity to earn 3 credits from SCSU. This year, SCSU is requiring all courses to use the updated, third edition of their textbook, The Power of Free Expression in America. In order to expedite the transition from the 2nd to 3rd edition, we request to waive the second reading of this text.

Listed below are textbooks/materials evaluated by the Textbook Selection Committee:

Subject/ Course	Title of Book	Author(s)	Edit ion	Copyright Date	Publisher	Rubric Score Total	Readability
Media, Freedom, and Power	The Power of Free Expression in America	Frank Harris III, Jerry Dunklee, Jodie Gil	3rd	2027	Cognella		

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Subject/ Course	Title of Book	Author(s)	ISBN #	Edition	Copyright Date	Publisher	City, State Of Publisher	Publisher Website
Media, Freedom, and Power	The Power of Free Expression in America	Frank Harris III Jerry Dunklee Jodie Gil	9798823373609	3rd	2027	Cognella	San Diego, CA	https://titles.cognella.com/

Reasons for recommendation (include information on match to curriculum concepts and skills):

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Student Materials Needed				
Quantity	Item Name	Cost Per Item	Total Cost	Distribution: #Texts per School
11	The Power of Free Expression in America	\$107.95	\$1,187.45	11 - BC

Teacher Materials Needed				
Quantity	Item Name	Cost Per Item	Total Cost	Distribution: # per School

TOTAL COST	
Total Cost for Student Texts/Materials	\$1,187.45
Total Cost for Teacher Materials	
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,187.45

Textbook Selection Committee		
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