



New Fairfield Public Schools Textbook Evaluation Form

"Textbooks are defined as that resource which provides 50% or more of the information upon which the program of instruction is based." (policy 6161)

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Course: Middle School Science

Grade(s): 6-8

<i>(Use Rubric Below)</i>	Textbook 1 Title: Open Sci-Ed	Textbook 2 Title: Mosa Mack	Textbook 3 Title:
Publisher	OpenSciEd	Mosa Mack Science, INC	
Year Published	ongoing (OER)	launched 2013	
Price	n/a	\$9.16 per student	
Content			
Alignment	4	4	
Accuracy	4	4	
Instructional Match			
Alignment with NF's Vision of the Graduate	3	3	
Design	3	3	
Accessibility			
Clarity	2	3	
Inclusivity	2	4	
Add-ons	2	3	
Total Team Rating			
	20	24	
Notes		more kid friendly/age appropriate for clarity and has better resources to simply print or assign online for add-ons.	
External Rating (informational only)			
Which rating organization was consulted and what rating did the textbook receive?	Meets Expectations edReports	5 star rating from Common Sense Education	

(EdReports or other)			
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	RATING 1 - not at all 2 - somewhat 3 - generally 4 - mostly
Content	
Alignment	Content is aligned with course curriculum and content standards.
Accuracy	Content is free from errors, up to date, and unbiased.
Instructional Match	
Alignment with NF's Vision of the Graduate	Content is presented in an engaging manner and leads students to make meaning, think critically, and ask questions. The text promotes independence.
Design	Textbook contains a variety of instructional materials, including reflective questions, learning activities, and other features which promote learner engagement and active learning. Textbook contains a structured, clear, and logical progression of topics.
Accessibility	
Clarity	Textbook provides accessible and structured text and images to meet the needs of diverse learners. Readability is age/grade/setting appropriate.
Inclusivity	The textbook reflects diversity and inclusion regarding culture, gender, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, education, and religion.
Add-ons	Textbook has high-quality, supplementary materials which support student learning and are free of errors and glitches.