



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: June 16, 2025

Agenda Section: Consent

Agenda Item Title: Newsela ELA

From/Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent

Description: Newsela ELA is an English Language Arts resource used in 6th grade through English IV to enhance student literacy. It drives literacy with real world content, knowledge building, and skills practice with aligned standards. Teachers choose from thousands of curated texts and videos to help students build background knowledge on any topic, book, or theme covered in class, providing teachers time to plan scaffolds to support independent reading. Newsela ELA leverages differentiated content at five reading levels, checks for understanding, and annotations to encourage close reading and help students engage in active learning.

Historical Data: The district used Newsela ELA for the 2024-2025 SY

Recommendation: Approve the purchase of Newsela ELA TEKS aligned curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year.

Purchasing Director and Approval Date: Victoria Cantu, June 16, 2025

Funding Budget Code and Amount: 410 E 11 6329 00 825 6 11 0 00 Amount: \$29,717.75

Goal 1: SSAISD will increase academic achievement for all students and thus close the gap between student populations in pursuit of advanced performance and post-secondary educational or career paths.



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Products Breakdown

Sites	Product Code	Products Names	License Dates
4	ATG145	Newsela ELA	09/25/25 - 08/31/26

Services Breakdown

Qty	Product Code	Services	License Dates
1	ATG016	Individual Virtual Add-On Session	09/25/25 - 08/31/26

Product/Service Breakdown Per School

Line#	Schools	Products/Services	License Dates
1	ALAN B SHEPARD MIDDLE SCHOOL	Newsela ELA	09/25/25 - 08/31/26
2	DWIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL	Newsela ELA	09/25/25 - 08/31/26
3	ROBERT C ZAMORA MIDDLE SCHOOL	Newsela ELA	09/25/25 - 08/31/26
4	SOUTH SAN ANTONIO HIGH SCHOOL	Newsela ELA	09/25/25 - 08/31/26
5	SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	Individual Virtual Add-On Session	09/25/25 - 08/31/26