

Executive Summary: Sociology Textbook Adoption

Introduction

Our current sociology textbooks are at the end of their practical service lives, having been used in our district for over 22 years. Most of the books have been rebound twice, and as such are unable to be rebound again, and a significant number of them have fully separated from their bindings, or are in the process of doing so. Additionally, sociology is a course that studies contemporary society; some of the textbook information, and much of the straight data presented in the textbook is out of date and not reflective of current society or sociological scholarship.

Adoption Process

We started the process by asking various textbook companies to send us samples of their materials. After going through these samples, as well as the digital materials that accompanied them, we narrowed our search to two books. As a department, we took a deep dive into these two books as well as their digital materials and test generators.

We also did research into what other successful school districts are currently using. After doing our own analysis of the textbooks and their accompanying resources, including their digital platforms, we came to a consensus that we liked the W.W. Norton text, *The Real World; An Introduction to Sociology* the best. Our research also showed that many other schools in the state came to the same conclusion and are utilizing this text, including Elmhurst York High School, the Champaign School District, and Adlai Stevenson High School, which is the highest performing high school in the state.

Candidate Text

The Real World, 9th High School Edition, copyright 2024

W.W. Norton Publishers

Number of copies requested: 70 copies

Cost: \$97.00 per text, total cost \$6,790 + \$271.60 shipping & handling = \$7061.60 Grand Total

Includes digital resources, instructor website access, test bank, image files, and supporting resources all at no additional charge

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Education consider the approval of the adoption of *The Real World, 9th High School Edition* as our primary Sociology textbook.