



## SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: May 18, 2026

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 has used Newsela ELA since 2024-2025 SY.

Recommendation: Approve the purchase of Newsela ELA TEKS aligned curriculum for the 2026-2027 school year.

Purchasing Director and Approval Date:

Funding Budget Code and Amount: 410 E 11 6329 00 825 6 11 0 00 Amount: \$33,255.60

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.

# Order Form

**Billing Information:**

Billing Frequency: Upfront in full

Payment Terms: Net 30

Billing Schedule: Upon license start date

**Order Form No.** Q-173559  
**Newsela Contact:** Holly Diestler  
**Contact Email:** holly.diestler@newsela.com

**Offer Date:** April 15, 2026  
**Expiration Date:** August 31, 2026

**To:**

JennyLee Taylor  
South San Antonio Independent School  
District  
1450 Gillette Blvd  
San Antonio, TX 78224-2100

Qty	Products/Services	Line Total
1	Newsela	\$33,255.60
<b>Contract Total</b>		<b>\$33,255.60</b>

\*See table above or Appendix for Product/Services details and License Dates.

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**1. Purchase Order Information**

If you need a Purchase Order, please fill out the following information.

**PO Required:**

**PO Number:**

**PO Amount:**

**2. Billing Information**

Provide the billing service representative to whom the invoice should be addressed.

**Bill-To Name:**

**Bill-To Email:**

By initialing here, I agree that the billing details stated above are current and accurate. \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. Is your organization exempt from sales tax?**

Please enter **Yes** or **No**:

Authorized Signature:

Date of Signature:

**Appendix**

**Products Breakdown**

Sites	Product Code	Products Names	License Dates
4	ATG145	Newsela ELA	09/01/26 - 08/31/27

**Product/Service Breakdown Per School**

Line#	Schools	Products/Services	License Dates
1	ALAN B SHEPARD MIDDLE SCHOOL	Newsela ELA	09/01/26 - 08/31/27
2	DWIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL	Newsela ELA	09/01/26 - 08/31/27
3	ROBERT C ZAMORA MIDDLE SCHOOL	Newsela ELA	09/01/26 - 08/31/27
4	SOUTH SAN ANTONIO HIGH SCHOOL	Newsela ELA	09/01/26 - 08/31/27