

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: May 19, 2025

Agenda Item: N.2e

Board Goal: Student Achievement

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Textbooks and Online Access to Instructional Materials for AP Human Geography - Cengage

Administrator Responsible/Position: Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer
Joy Philpott, Director of Advanced Academics

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☒ Action needed ☐ Information only ☐ Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

☒ Local Policy: ☐ Law or Rule ☐ N/A
EFA (Legal) and (Local) –
Instructional Resources: Instructional
Materials

C. Goal or Need Addressed: The purchase is for updated AP online student/teacher access and print textbooks for the 25-26 SY. This purchase provides 1-to-1 student/teacher access to the online platform through Cengage's NGL Sync as well as class-sets of hardback textbooks for the classrooms. A small amount of extra hardback books will be purchased for students with special circumstances/needs. This purchase provides 6 years of online access.

D. Summary:

☒ Previous board action relating to this item: N/A
☒ Future action anticipated: Minimal purchases may be necessary for enrollment growth.
☒ Background information: AP Human Geography was introduced in Hays in 2015. We have not updated textbooks since then, and the number of students enrolled in this class has grown substantially. We are working our way into a replacement cycle for AP textbooks while working to ensure that our students and teachers have texts that most accurately reflect current trends in the subject areas.

E. Comments Received:

☒ Cabinet ☐ DLT ☐ FBOC ☒ Teacher Org. Reps.
☒ Other: C&I and Campuses

F. Administrative Recommendation: The administration recommends approval of the Human Geography AP student and teacher resource purchase.

Advantages and benefits of this proposal: Provide updated resource that aligns with course content.

Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement: Materials aligned with course content should help improve student performance on AP exams in this subject area.

Effect of this action on other parts of the system: None

Consequences of not approving this recommendation: Teachers will continue finding ways to supplement out of date text.

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: \$73,249.75

☐ Budget ☐ Bond ☐ Grant/Special Funds:
☒ Other: Instructional Materials and Technology Allotment
☐ Budget Amendment Needed
Prior Year Spending:

Reasons for rejecting alternatives: Sample material for multiple publishers was distributed to the teachers and staff involved in Human Geography AP instruction. That group came to a consensus and provided the recommendation to C&I administration

Future/Ongoing: Minimal purchases possible for enrollment growth.

H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action: Marivel Sedillo, Joy Philpott

Evaluation method and time line: N/A

Next report to the board: N/A

I. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve of the purchase of textbooks and online access to instructional materials for AP Human Geography from Cengage for an amount not to exceed \$73,249.75, as presented.