

District Science Supplemental Online Instructional Materials

September 13, 2011

SUMMARY:

-The purpose of this report is to request approval of the consensus choices for the fifth through eighth grade and high school (biology, chemistry, physics) science supplemental instructional materials. All materials were reviewed and selected by science instructional materials committees composed of science teachers.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- State Board of Education determined to proceed with Proclamation 2011, for state adoption 2011, for implementation 2011-2012, which allows for the selection of online supplemental instructional materials for fifth through eighth grade science and high school biology, chemistry and physics. Funding for these materials has been approved by the State Board of Education through the new Instructional Materials Allotment.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- None

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- None to local budget.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

-Science Supplemental Materials will be available to students for supplemental benefit as an online resource and classroom instruction.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- None

OTHER COMMENTS:

- None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Superintendent recommends approval of

- o Online Learning Exchange for Texas powered by Pearson Education, published as Prentice Hall (Grade 5);
- o Glencoe/McGraw Hill for Middle School (Grades 6, 7 & 8); and,
- o Pearson Education for High School (Biology, Chemistry & Physics).

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Kathy Morrison, Pre-Kindergarten- 5th Grade Science Coordinator

Staci Saner, Secondary Science Coordinator

Dr. Mike Mattingly, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction & Staff Development

ATTACHMENT:

- None

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____