



Textbook Recommendations 2026-2027

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Strategic Plan- Academics & Programs

OPS will ensure that every learner experiences challenging, relevant, and supportive instruction that results in academic growth and achievement.




Elementary & Middle School Textbook Adoption Proposals

- K-5th Grade Math
- 7th-8th Grade ELA

High School Textbook Adoption Proposals

- Sports Literature
 - AP Calculus
 - Biology
 - AP Microeconomics
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OPS Textbook Adoption Process

1. Teachers review multiple textbooks using the following criteria and tools:
 - a. Readability
 - b. Standards Alignment
 - c. Design, Layout, Visual Appeal
 - d. Textbook Features
 - e. Guidelines for Identifying Bias in Curriculum and Materials
 1. Approval process by Committee (Elementary), Department Chairs (KMS, CMS) or Area Coordinators (OHS).
 1. Presentation & approval by District Advisory Council.
 1. Presentation to Board of Education.
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K-5 Math Curriculum: **Math Expressions (2025)**

CURRENT REALITY



- Math Expressions was implemented in Okemos during 2018-2019
- The online component, Think Central, is sunsetting. An updated platform was piloted.
- Early Math Essential Practices released since last curriculum selection
- Implementation of NWEA
- Implementation of MTSS Diamond

Feedback on current Math Expressions



The majority of teachers agreed/strongly agreed it was:

- Aligned to standards
- Easy to understand materials for students and teachers
- Engaged students in learning
- Offered a variety of assessments
- Direct instruction

Feedback on current Math Expressions



Teachers also noted:

- The online platform was not easy to navigate or utilize data
- Minimal project and inquiry based instructional opportunities
- Lack of initial training for the program due to COVID timing

REVIEW PROCESS



- District K-5 Math Curriculum Review Team in Fall 2025
 - 28 educators representing all K-5 grade levels and schools (not OPM)
- Partnered with ISD Math Consultant, Jen Bricarell
- Identified top 5 criteria look-fors:
 - Balance of direct and inquiry instruction
 - Real-world application
 - Math talks
 - Hands-on
 - High student engagement

REVIEW PROCESS



Used the Equip Rubric to review the top three programs below:

- enVision Math (Savvas)
- Reveal Math (McGraw Hill)
- Bridges (Math Learning Center)

If the committee did not want to move two of those programs forward, they would consider reviewing the following:

- Math Expressions 2025 (Heinemann)



REVIEW PROCESS



- After review, the committee recommended moving forward with a pilot for Reveal Math and the updated Math Expressions (2025).
- Teachers received pilot training on both programs. They received print and online materials. Program support was provided throughout the 6 week pilot.
- Pilot Cohorts:
 - Math Expressions- 8 teachers
 - Reveal Math- 9 teachers



PILOT RESULTS

Teacher Feedback- What did you like MOST?

High Student Engagement: Digital platforms (Adventure Island, Matific, and Flight) turned math practice into something students actively looked forward to.

Intuitive Navigation: Teachers found the online resources and Teacher Edition (TE) easy to navigate and visually clean, reducing "resource overwhelm."

Seamless Transition: Lessons felt familiar and aligned with current practices, making the pilot easy for both teachers and students to adopt.

Quality Materials: Ample workspace in student workbooks and durable, "heavy-duty" math mats/manipulatives were a major plus.

Data-Driven Insights: Assessment tools provided clear breakdowns of student performance by standard, making it easy to identify and target specific needs.



7th & 8th Grade ELA

Last Approved: 2019

Course Information:

Required courses for all students.

Current Reality:

MyPerspectives (2017) is outdated and lacks technology components.

Recommendation:

- *HMH Into Literature (2025)*

Rationale for selection:

- Strong mix of reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Selections emphasize inquiry and analysis
- Text provides multiple perspectives, including selections where marginalized groups are contributors, leaders, and historical influencers.
- Online platform offers range of materials to meet students needs

7th & 8th Grade ELA

Sports Literature

Course Information:

Elective semester course.

Current Reality:

This new text is aligned with continued curriculum development in the course and designed to complement the current text, *Gym Candy*. The current text features a male character playing football.

Recommendation:

- *Michigan vs. The Boys* by Carrie S Allen (2023)

Rationale for selection:

- The text features a female hockey player joining the boys' team after her girls' team is cut due to budget constraints.
- Goal to have more gender diverse main characters and a less mainstream sport.

OHS ELA

Calculus

Last Approved: 2020

Current Reality:

The online access for staff & students with the current text is set to expire and cannot be renewed any further.

Recommendation:

Calculus for the AP Course (2024)

Rationale for selection:

- Overall organization and availability of materials
- Text is inclusive and includes representation for diverse groups and cultures.
- Scaffolded questions
- Range of difficulty on problems
- Supplemental materials

OHS Math

Biology Last Approved: 2019

Course Information:

Required course for all students.

Current Reality:

There are usable textbooks available when needed. Majority of content is delivered through a variety of digital resources, mostly the free version.

Recommendation:

- *Quizziz/Wayground- Linked to NGSS, interactive videos*
- *Kahoot- vocabulary, formative assessment*
- *Nearpod- interactive experiences & videos, VR field trips*
- *Gimkit- interactive games, formative assessment*
- *Quia- interactive activities, quizzes, and assessments*
- *Edpuzzle- Interactive video creation, formative assessment*

Rationale for selection:

- Teachers will collaborate to create and share content using these instructional resources in addition to the current textbooks available in the classroom.
- Increased flexibility to build units and lessons to engage students in learning process

OHS Science

Course Information:

AP Microeconomics is an introductory college-level course that focuses on the "small picture" of the economy. While Macroeconomics looks at national systems (like inflation and GDP), Microeconomics zooms in on how individuals and businesses make decisions and how they interact in specific markets.

Current Reality:

This is a new course at the high school.

Recommendation:


- *Krugman's Economic for the AP course, 4th Edition (2023)*

Rationale for selection:

- Accessible to high school students with a narrative style text.
- Includes extension materials, such as test taking tips, videos for each module, a personal finance section, and practice assessment materials
- Case studies consistently use names and photos representing diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds
- Digital platform, "Achieve" offers adaptive quizzing and immediate feedback for differentiated instruction

OHS Social Studies

In Conclusion

- These textbooks and materials will maintain and enhance the instructional excellence and learning at all levels. These materials will help to meet learners needs' academically, provide diverse perspectives and cultures, and utilize the district's 1:1 initiative.
 - The materials will position us well for the future, both in person and online.
 - All of these proposed textbooks have been reviewed by the District Advisory Council.
 - Materials are available for parent review at Central Office for the next two weeks.
 - District textbook review calendars will be reviewed and updated to ensure timely review and implementation of instructional resources.
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Questions?