

**New Fairfield Public Schools  
Textbook Selection Information**

**Title: ¡Exploremos! (1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4)**

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**Publisher: National Geographic Learning/Cengage Learning**

**Date: 2018**

*The following criteria were adopted and/or adapted from the American Library Association Workbook for Selection Policy Writing.*

- 1. Learning resources shall support and be consistent with the general educational goals of the state and the district and the aims and objectives of individual schools and specific courses.**

The ¡Exploremos! textook series supports the educational goals of New Fairfield Middle and High School by complying with National Standards - emphasizing the 5cs (Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities). The series also recognizes the importance of cultural education as prescribed by the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Language (ACTFL) by including strong cultural and social components. The authors' philosophy that students must play an active role in their learning is consistent with the expectations of New Fairfield Public Schools. The textbook presents material in thematic units, and offers teachers the opportunity to provide exposure to authentic input and materials through ample practice and meaningful, engaging activities. The authors also believe and provide oportunites for the study of culture so that students are better able to gain an understanding of the importance of diversity and their own culture, and to appreciate different perspectives.

- 2. Learning resources shall be chosen to enrich and support the curriculum and the personal needs of users.**

¡Exploremos! is a 6-book program developed for grades 7-12. The program encourages students to interact with one another, with the Hispanic world, and with their communities. Students build cultural competence and proficiency through communicative and contextualized activities that address a variety of learning styles. Each chapter starts with a learning strategy to help students become better language learners. Students are then reminded of these strategies at appropriate times throughout the chapter. Students are also provided with reading strategies at the beginning of each cultural reading, as well as listening strategies before audio presentations. Other learning strategies include thematic vocabulary lists, cultural connections, grammar explorations and practice activities, audio and video activities from authentic resources, readings (both fiction and non fiction) and writing activities.

- 3. Learning resources shall meet high standards of quality in:**

- a. artistic quality and/or literary style** - Because this textook series is published in cooperation with National Geographic, photography and video resources are plentiful and of the highest artistic value. Students are afforded the opportunity to engage in reading authentic sources - both fiction and nonfiction.

**b. factual content** - The material and resources of the textbook series are factually accurate and appropriate for the target audience.

**c. physical format** - The textbooks are of manageable size and weight; not overly cumbersome or heavy. Binding, paper and printing are of high quality.

**d. presentation** - Material is presented through activities, readings, literature, and through the use of multimedia and independent research opportunities.

**4. Learning resources shall be appropriate for the subject area and for the age, emotional development, ability level, learning styles, and social development of the students for whom the materials are selected.**

¡Exploremos! allows students to personalize their exploration of the Spanish speaking world through relevant and interesting content. National Geographic Explorers expose students to the Spanish speaking world. Students are exposed to real-life situations and real-life language through the use of high frequency vocabulary used by native speakers. The series also addresses Career and College Readiness Standards.

**5. Learning resources shall promote an appreciation of cultural diversity.**

Students discover the work of National Geographic Explorers connected to the Spanish-speaking world through *Explorando con* (Exploring with), which engages students by connecting their language studies to a real person and to relevant topics within other disciplines. This gives students a broader understanding of themselves while acquiring information that broadens their knowledge about the world. Each chapter includes a *Video-Viaje* (Video Journey) to present the Spanish-speaking world in a new way. Video coverage includes Latin America, the United States and Spain and drives student engagement with authentic visuals and Spanish-language narration. The *Conexiones Culturales* (Cultural Connections) sections of the textbook series promote interaction with cultural competence and understanding; participation with cultures at home and abroad; develop insight into other cultures; connections to other disciplines and academic and career related situations.

**6. Learning resources shall be designed to provide a background of information that will motivate students and staff to examine their own attitudes and behavior; to comprehend their duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges as participating citizens in our society; and to make informed judgments in their daily lives.**

Students are connected to the Hispanic world via National Geographic explorers. These explorers use a variety of useful vocabulary lists, allowing them to make connections between the Spanish language, sciences and the world. Students are also encouraged to dig a little deeper into the topic in a series of web-based activities.

**7. The publisher provides appropriate support materials.**

¡Exploremos! provides students and teachers with the digital resource, Mindtap. This web-based program allows students to view National Geographic videos for every

chapter, provides them with access to an eBook, includes grammar tutorial videos, “can do” worksheets, flashcards, vocabulary practice, games, a mobile app with pronunciation and vocabulary activities and closed captioning.

## 8. Price per book and number needed

| Quoted Products: Exploremos - New Fairfield HS |  |          |              |            |
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| Qty  | Product  | Price    | Quoted Price | Total      |
| 90   | Bundle: Exploremos Level 1B, 1st Student Edition + MindTap (6-year access) Blitt/Casas 1st Edition [K12, 2018]<br>9781337432252 / 1337432253   | \$80.50  | \$80.50      | \$7,245.00 |
| 60   | Bundle: Exploremos Level 2, 1st Student Edition + MindTap (6-year access) Blitt/Casas 1st Edition [K12, 2018]<br>9781337432214 / 1337432210    | \$98.50  | \$98.50      | \$5,910.00 |
| 90   | Bundle: ¡Exploremos! Level 1A, 1st Student Edition + MindTap (6-year access) Blitt/Casas 1st Edition [K12, 2018]<br>9781337432245 / 1337432245 | \$80.50  | \$80.50      | \$7,245.00 |
| 60   | Bundle: Exploremos Level 1, 1st Student Edition + MindTap (6-year access) Blitt/Casas 1st Edition [K12, 2018]<br>9781337432207 / 1337432202    | \$98.50  | \$98.50      | \$5,910.00 |
| 60   | Bundle: Exploremos Level 4, 1st Student Edition + MindTap (6-year access) Blitt/Casas 1st Edition [K12, 2018]<br>9781337432238 / 1337432237    | \$98.50  | \$98.50      | \$5,910.00 |
| 90   | Bundle: Exploremos Level 3, 1st Student Edition + MindTap (6-year access) Blitt/Casas 1st Edition [K12, 2018]<br>9781337432221 / 1337432229    | \$98.50  | \$98.50      | \$8,865.00 |
| 2  | ¡Exploremos! Nivel 1 Teacher's Annotated Edition Blitt/Casas 1st Edition [K12, 2018] 9781305969483 / 1305969480                                | \$111.00 | \$0.00       | FREE       |
| 2  | ¡Exploremos! Nivel 2 Teacher's Annotated Edition Blitt/Casas 1st Edition [K12, 2018] 9781305969490 / 1305969499                                | \$111.00 | \$0.00       | FREE       |
| 2  | ¡Exploremos! Nivel 3 Teacher's Annotated Edition Blitt/Casas 1st Edition [K12, 2018] 9781305969506 / 1305969502                                | \$111.00 | \$0.00       | FREE       |
| 2  | ¡Exploremos! Nivel 1A Teacher's Annotated Edition Blitt/Casas 1st Edition [K12, 2018] 9781305969520 / 1305969529                               | \$88.75  | \$0.00       | FREE       |
| 2  | ¡Exploremos! Nivel 1B Teacher's Annotated Edition Blitt/Casas 1st Edition [K12, 2018] 9781305969537 / 1305969537                               | \$88.75  | \$0.00       | FREE       |
| 2  | ¡Exploremos! Nivel 4 Teacher's Annotated Edition Blitt/Casas 1st Edition [K12, 2018] 9781305969513 / 1305969510                                | \$111.00 | \$0.00       | FREE       |

Sub-Total: \$41,085.00  
+ Estimated Shipping and/or Process Fee: \$2,465.10

**TOTAL: \$43,550.10**  
**Total Savings: \$1,243.00**

Additional costs: MindTap access for each student will have to be purchased at the end of the first 6-year subscription.