



Southeast Island School District

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Curriculum News:

The **history committee**, composed of three sites and four individuals met and discussed history in grades K-12. We researched and discussed publishers such as OER Project, Glencoe, Incentive Publications, Independence Hall Association, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, and Savvas (formerly Prentice Hall). Along with looking into the content, scope/sequence, and format style of the various texts, we also discussed the following:

	OER Project	Glencoe	Incentive Publications	Independence Hall Association	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Savvas
K-12 Continuity	Only has "Big History" and "World History" for high school. Nothing K-8	Retired publisher	Does Not have a full curriculum	Does not have a full curriculum	X	X
Textbooks & Online available	Only online			Online only	X	X
Customer Service					Excellent - Rep lives in Kenai	Deplorable- did not return calls or emails
Last Updated					2018-2019	2013

After much research and discussion both individually and collectively, the committee recommended that textbooks (HMH) be bought for each site for K-12 history classes. This would benefit teachers who aren't necessarily expert teachers of history and would prefer a textbook, support teachers who have multiage, multigrade classrooms, and also facilitate sites whose students are challenged with home connectivity issues. This publisher provides texts and online

resources for every grade, so it provides continuity of coverage. Its books are also the most recently updated. The proposed overall cost, including shipping, would be \$50,010.19 .

The committee also saw a need to update geography supplements, such as globes and maps. [A live document](#) with curriculum goals, standards, objectives, and online resources was crafted as an aid for teachers to use in the classroom. This update to supplemental supplies is not part of the quote above.

We appreciate all who helped serve on these committees and whose contributions are enriching our students' academics!