

GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: May 6, 2025

TITLE: Award of Contract for 6-12 Textbook Adoption for Science RFP #2425004

BACKGROUND:

A committee of over thirty district teachers, administrators and community members reviewed textbook series for Science for students in grades 6-12 in January through April of 2025. The committee scored materials presented by thirteen (13) vendors against established criteria including quality indicators of Science materials, requirements of the RFP, and alignment to Arizona Science Standards. Textbooks recommended by the committee were put on display from February 28-April 28, 2025, and were available online and at Wetmore Center satisfying the sixty (60) day display requirement. All teachers, parents, and community members had the opportunity to review the materials and provide feedback to the administration during this time period. A public notice of the display period was posted in the local newspaper, and on District and school websites.

Upon review of the materials, the top vendors for the middle and high school levels were determined. Based on the requirements of the RFP, and ratings by the committee, the following recommendations for the award of contract are made to the Governing Board this evening for approval:

Middle School: Grades 6-8 Science, elevateScience, SAVVAS Learning Company, Copyright 2019 High School: High School Biology, Miller & Levine Biology, SAVVAS Learning Company, Copyright 2019, High School Physics, Experience Physics, SAVVAS Learning Company, Copyright 2022, High School Chemistry, Experience Chemistry, SAVVAS Learning Company, Copyright 2021 AP Courses: High School AP Biology, Biology for the AP Course (1E), Bedford, Freeman & Worth, Copyright 2022, High School Physics, College Physics for the AP Physics 1&2 Courses (3E), Bedford, Freeman & Worth, Copyright 2023, High School Physics C, Physics for Scientists and Engineers: A Strategic Approach with Modern Physics, 5th edition, Copyright 2022, High School Chemistry, Chemistry: A Molecular Approach 6e, AP Edition, Pearson Education, Inc., Copyright 2023

All proposed materials are available in both print and online formats with extensive teacher and student resources. The content of these materials reflects the Arizona Department of Education's vision for Science instruction and includes resources to support inquiry-based learning. Materials in each series provide teachers with multiple options for differentiation/personalization of instruction for students.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the administration's recommendation that the Governing Board approve as the core Science textbooks listed above starting with the 2025-2026 school year.

INITIATED BY:

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Date: April 30, 2025