

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Stephen Buchs, Director of Curriculum 6-12

TO: District 301 Board of Education, Dr. Tim Kilrea and Dr. Kyle Schumacher, Interim
-Superintendents

DATE: March 12, 2026

RE: Textbook Adoption for HS AP American Government - \$34,629.43

MATERIALS:

- BFW Publishers, HS -Achieve for American Government: Stories of a Nation
 - Qty - 90 physical textbooks = total \$13,048.20
- BFW Publishers, HS -Achieve for American Government: Stories of a Nation
 - Qty - 90 Online (add on 6 years) = total \$3,600.00
- BFW Publishers, HS -Achieve for American Government: Stories of a Nation
 - Qty - 109 Online 6 years = total \$17,328.82

Rationale:

The textbook, “American Government: Stories of a Nation,” is designed to align with the College Board’s curriculum framework and is structured to help students understand both the content and context of American government, focusing on key concepts and skills needed for the AP exam. This book can be an excellent resource for guiding an AP U.S. Government and Politics course, especially with its focus on stories to humanize the often complex and technical nature of American political institutions. It also provides students with a lot of support for exam preparation, such as relevant primary sources, AP level MCQ and FRQ practice at the end of chapters, and supplemental activities and videos online.

Proposal information supplied by: Tyler Clark

Textbook Information:

6th Grade

- Publisher: BFW Publishers
- Name of Text: *American Government: Stories of a Nation*
- Copyright: 2025
- ISBN: 978-1-319-53598-8
- Edition 2nd



Recommendation:

The BFW Publishers *American Government: Stories of a Nation* are recommended for purchase beginning for the 2026-2027 school year. These books will be a new resource for our students and staff. This selection is going to bring a long overdue change needed to support our students taking the AP American Government course.