



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	March 5, 2026
Agenda Item:	Science Instructional Materials Overview
Item Type:	Information
Administrator:	Rachel Frison and Megan Young
Objective:	To provide an overview of Science Instructional Resources considered for approval of adoption at the March 19 Board meeting

Background:

In accordance with Oregon Administrative Rules and School Board Policy IIA, we are recommending adopting the following instructional resources for Science, 6-12: *STEMscopes* for middle school science in grades 6-8, *Savvas* for high school science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics), *Campbell Biology*, *Chemistry: A Molecular Approach*, *College Physics 2e for AP Courses*, and *Environment: The Science Behind the Stories* for high school AP science courses (AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Environmental Science); *Gizmos* for grades 6-12.

Each of these proposed Instructional Resources provide access to online materials as well.

The District Instructional Materials Adoption Team was composed of Science Teachers from elementary, middle and high schools and administrators of the curriculum department. Over the course of the 2025-2026 school year, the team explored the varied materials that are available. In order to meet the current Oregon content standards, the team has reviewed and considered all publishers.

The materials are available for public review and feedback through March 12. After considering all input, the team is expected to recommend adoption of the following materials for Board approval at the March 19 Board meeting.

Elementary science materials recommendation will be submitted to the Board later this spring.

Core Class	Instructional Resource	Estimated Costs
Science Grades 6-8	<i>STEMscopes</i> <i>Publisher: Accelerate Learning, Inc.</i>	\$237,383.00

Science Grades 6-12	<i>Gizmos</i> <i>Publisher: Explore Learning</i>	\$140,530.00
Science Grades 9-12	<i>Experience Biology</i> <i>Experience Chemistry</i> <i>Experience Physics</i> <i>Publisher: Savvas</i>	\$521,127.00
	<i>Pre-AP Biology</i> <i>Pre-AP Chemistry</i> <i>Publisher: College Board</i>	\$3,000.00
Science Grade 11-12	<i>Campbell Biology 13e 2027 AP Edition</i> <i>Chemistry: A Molecular Approach, 6e 2023 AP Edition</i> <i>Environment: The Science Behind the Stories, 7e 2021 AP Edition</i> <i>Publisher: Pearson</i>	\$54,575.00
	<i>College Physics 2e for AP Courses</i> <i>Publisher: OpenStax</i> <i>Open Source</i>	\$0

Additional Materials: [Science Preview Flier](#)

Recommendation: Staff will be recommending the adoption of the science instructional resources at the March 19 Board meeting.

Suggested Motion: Action is not required at this time.