

Board of Education Curriculum, Assessment & Professional Practices Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 4, 2021 6:00 PM

Board of Education Conference Room E, 1 School Street, PO Box 253, Bethel, CT 06801

1. Textbook Review

1.A. Senderos, for Spanish Levels I-4, Textbook

2. New Business

3. Public Comment

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4. Adjourn



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Senderos 2018					
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75	978-1-68005-315-9	Senderos Level 3 Supersite Plus(vText (Online))(6 year license)	\$119.95	\$8,996.25	\$8,996.25
3	978-1-68005-340-1	Senderos Level 3 National TRB	\$788.95	\$2,366.85	\$0.00
75	978-1-68005-329-6	Senderos Level 3 Student Edition + Supersite Plus(vText (Online))(6 year license)	\$129.95	\$9,746.25	\$9,746.25
35	978-1-68005-349-4	Senderos L4 Supersite Plus(vText (Online))(6 year license)	\$119.95	\$4,198.25	\$4,198.25
50	978-1-68005-363-0	Senderos L4 Student Edition + Supersite Plus(vText (Online))(6 year license)	\$129.95	\$6,497.50	\$6,497.50
2	978-1-68005-374-6	Senderos L4 National TRB	\$585.95	\$1,171.90	\$0.00

Total Value	\$32,977.00
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Total Cost	\$29,438.25
Est. Shipping (3%)	\$989.31
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World Language Dept. Spanish



BOE Presentation - October 2021

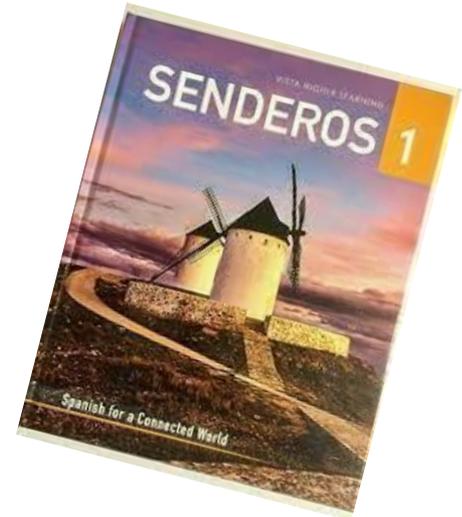
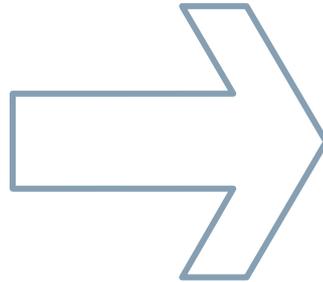
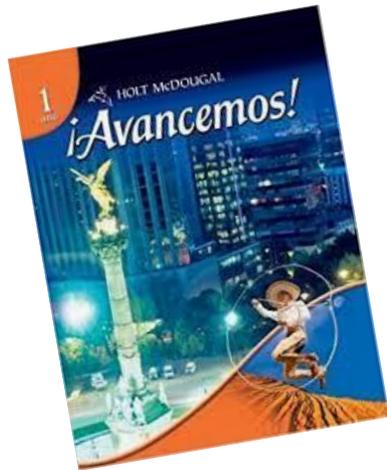
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Levels 1, 2, 3, and 4

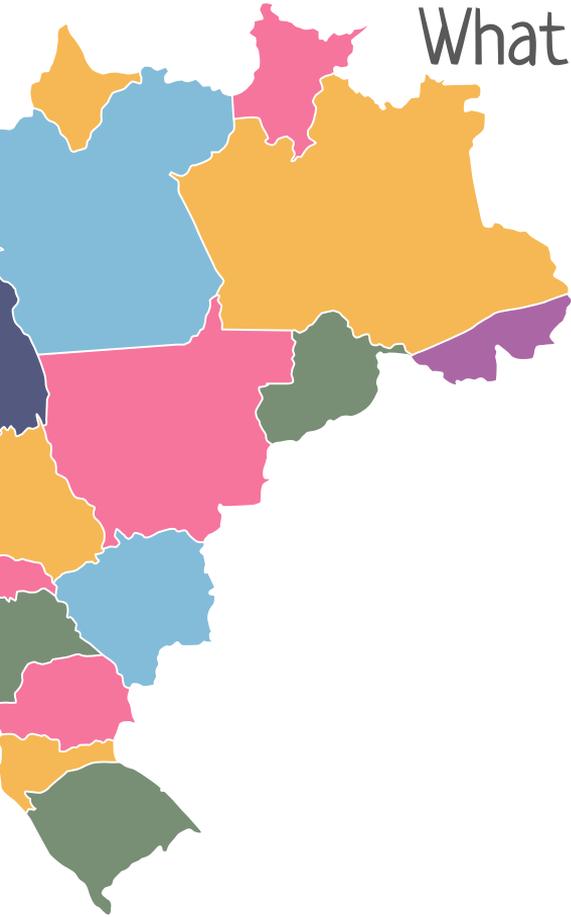
Objective:

Today we will ...

Review the reasons the World Language Department at BHS needs a new textbook.

Learn about the new features of the textbook selected by the BHS teachers.





What we will cover during this presentation:

01

The Problem ...

The problem we are facing

02

Senders Overview

Textbook Overview

03

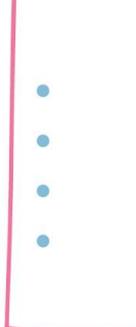
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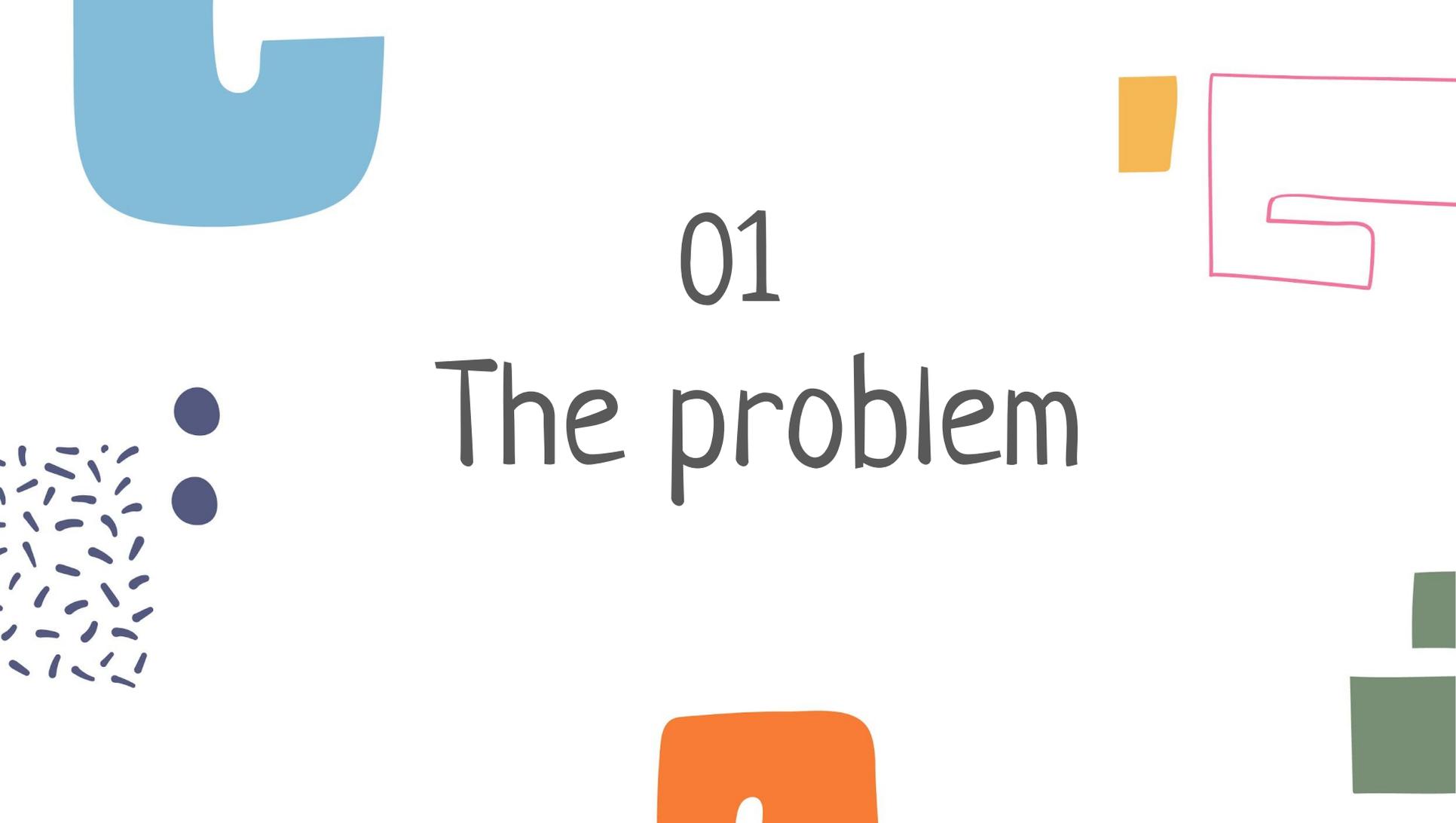
What Impressed us about
this textbook

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Cost to District

How much will the
textbook cost the district





01

The problem

Problem



Problem

Our current textbook “Avancemos” is going to be obsolete, McDougall Littell will be shutting down its website and all of the resources available right now will NOT be available as of August 2023.



Finding a Solution

After I learned this information, I communicated it to my building administrators and Dr. Brooks.

I then started researching for new textbooks, contacted several districts around our area (Watertown, Newtown, Brookfield, Masuk, Region 15, New Fairfield, and New Milford) and called several publishers who sent us textbook samples with resources.

As a department we looked through the materials sent to us, attended video conferences to learn about the textbooks, conducted lessons, met in PLCs and made an unanimous decision on **Senderos** by Vista Higher Learning.



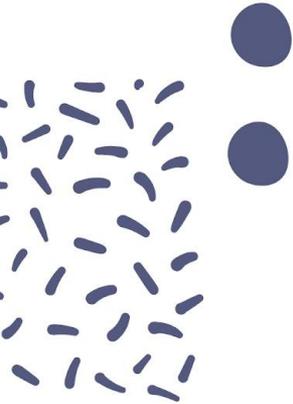
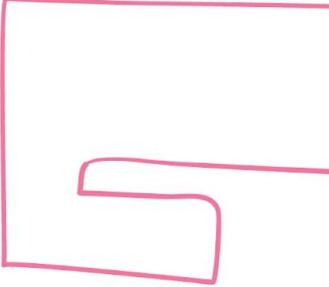
Alignment

We are aligning with the BMS...



Support our Department Vision

Senderos directly aligns with our department vision as this textbook focuses on communication skills and as a department we are focusing on improving the communication skills of our students and have more students graduate Bethel High School with the Seal of Biliteracy.



02

Overview



Overview

Vista Higher Learning recognizes that **proficiency is best achieved through an articulated and extended sequence of study**. *Senderos* was designed with this in mind, resulting in a fully integrated and scaffolded Spanish program with a variety of print offerings and superior technology. With powerful and easy-to-use course management tools, we can shape *Senderos* to fit our instructional goals and teaching style—all **while delivering an engaging, personalized learning experience to each and every student.**



Video - [Link](#)

Each lesson is organized into color-coded strands that present new material in clear, comprehensible, and communicative ways. With a focus on **authenticity**, **cultural immersion**, and the **seamless integration of text and technology**,

Spanish-language learning comes to life in ways that are meaningful to each and every student.

1 CONTEXT

Provide students with a place to start. Let them share their own experiences with and about the chapter topic.

2 VOCABULARY

Give students a new linguistic code to express what they already know and experience in the context of the chapter theme.

3 MEDIA

Once students see that language is a tool for expressing their own ideas, media helps them to relate their own experiences to those of native speakers.

4 CULTURE

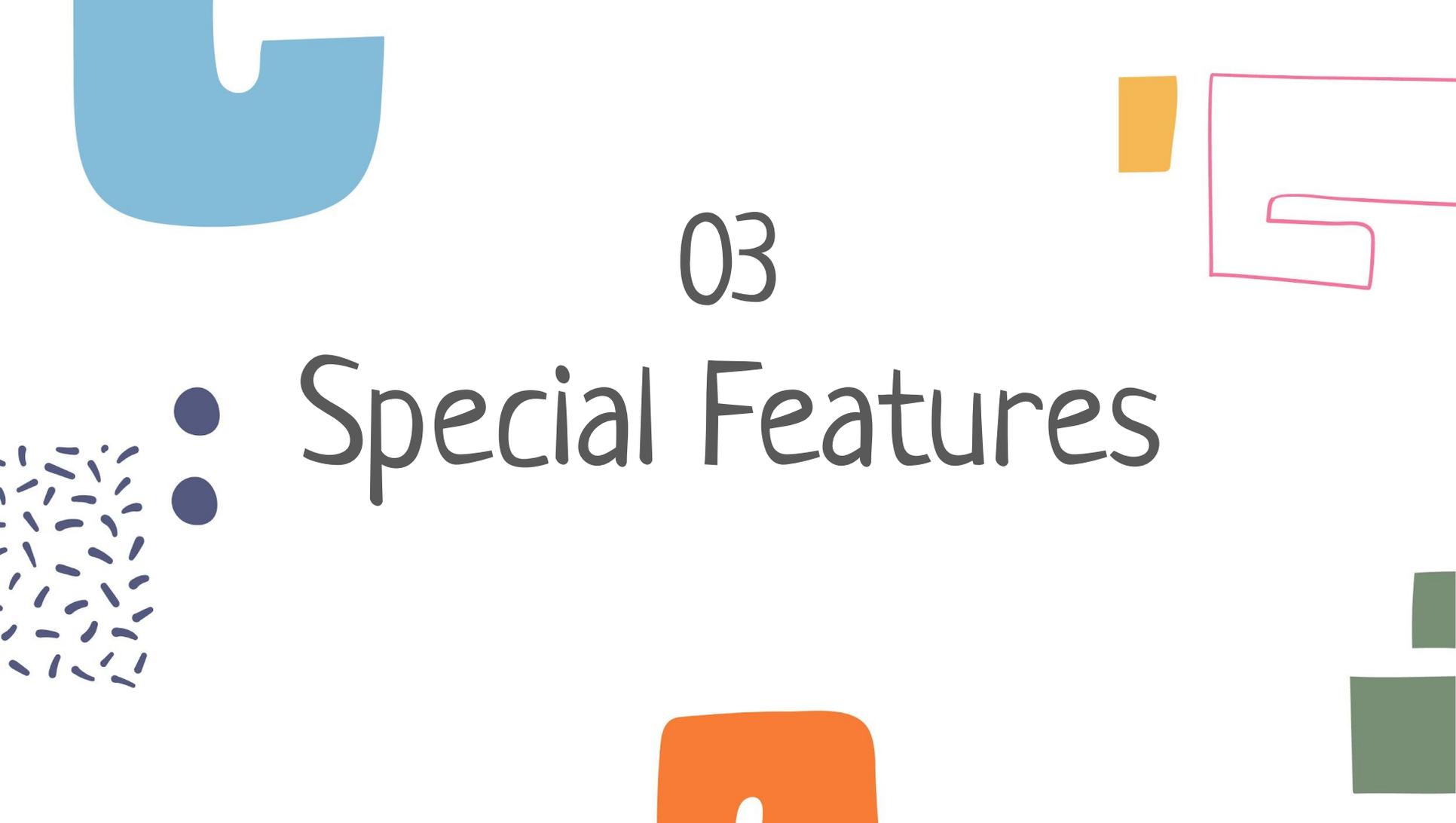
Bring students from their own language and culture to that of the target speakers.

5 STRUCTURE

The formal presentation of relevant grammar and scaffolded, personalized activities help students leverage grammar as a tool for building confidence, fluency, and accuracy.

6 SKILL SYNTHESIS

Pulling all their learning together, students integrate context, personal experience, communication tools, and cultural products, perspectives, and practices.

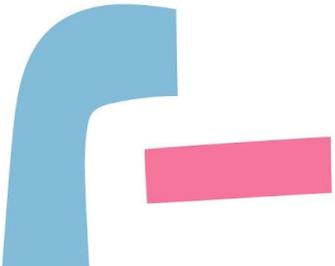


03

- Special Features



Wows!



What impressed us ...

Alignment to Standards

Blends the underlying principles of the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines and the World Readiness Standards for Learning Languages.

Student Support

Provides many activities that are carefully scaffolded and self-corrected to give students immediate feedback and opportunity to self-enrich.

Student Empowerment

Empowers students to become effective communicators and leaders of their learning by monitoring their progress and setting personal goals.



Comprehensive Input & Authentic Resources

Cultural Immersion with authentic resources that are continuously updated and connected to new learning.

Cultural Representation

It captures a wide representation of diverse cultures that are reflected in accurate and appropriate contexts.

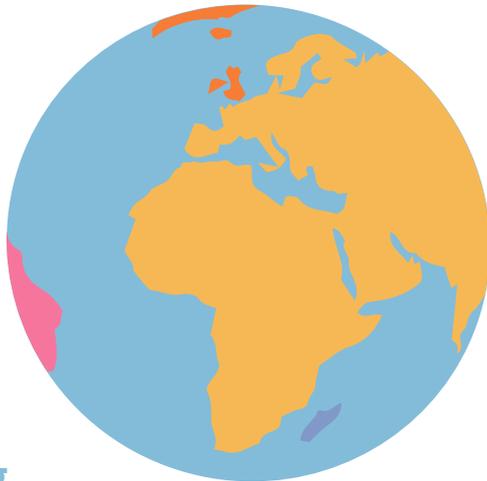
What impressed us ...

AP Alignment

The book focuses on the three modes of communication emphasized on the AP Exam - *interpersonal, interpretive* and *presentational*. Starting in the lower levels, they have many AP types of activities (appropriately leveled).

Focus on Speaking

It has a huge focus on speaking communication, with activities such as partner chat, virtual chats with native speakers, and voice recognition our students will leave Bethel High School with a higher level of language proficiency.



Proficiency Levels

Offers many opportunities for students to improve their proficiency levels in listening, speaking, reading, and writing, which in turn will make students comfortable to take the AAPPL (if they decide NOT to take the AP class)

Connections

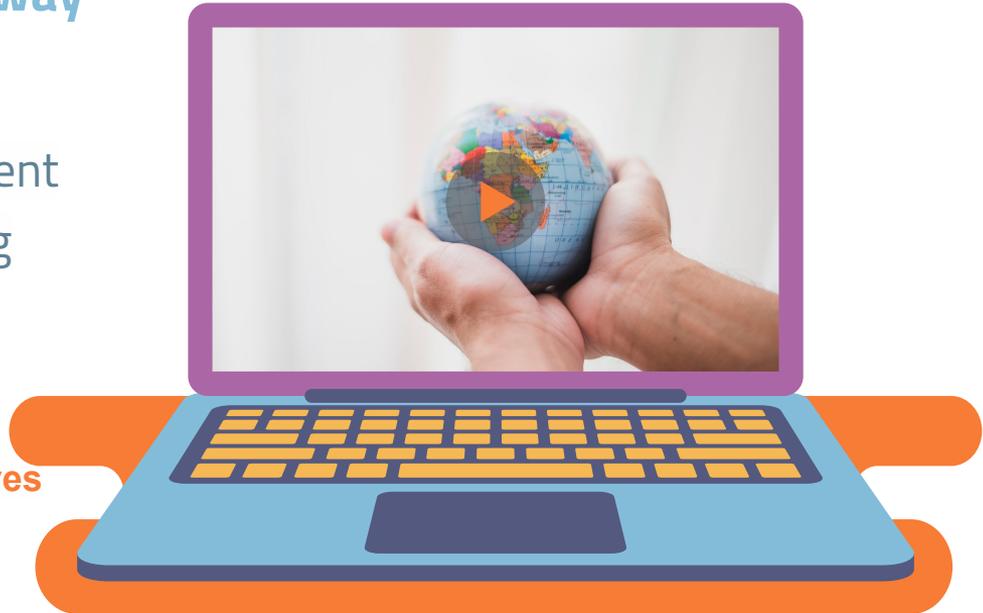
Allows students to be connected to the modern world by being engaged with groundbreaking digital tools.

Technology

Learning is just a click away

Everything about VHL's online learning environment is tremendously engaging and appealing to my students.

- **Richard McMullan, Groves High School**



Features of their Online Textbook

Practice

Hundreds of program-specific, thematically-based, and carefully-scaffolded practice activities right at their fingertips.

Partner Chat

Activities that allow students to carry out a conversation in pairs via video or audio.

Tutorials

Vocabulary tutorials featured in a cyclical learning sequence that optimizes comprehension and retention AND grammar tutorials that entertain and inform students by pairing grammar rules with fun explanations.

Communication Tools

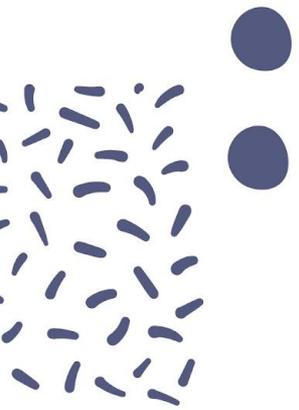
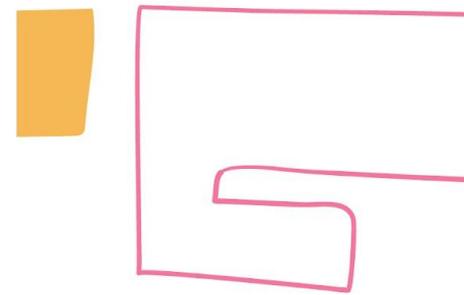
Activities that provide students with opportunities to develop their listening and speaking skills and to build confidence as they practice with recordings of native speakers.

Speech Recognition

Identifies student utterances in real time and objectively determines whether a student knows the word.

VHS Central

Teachers can easily shape and customize the curriculum to fit our instructional goals and teaching preferences. We can monitor student progress, communicate securely with individual students or the entire class, and track and report on student effort and outcomes.



04 Cost



“We do what’s
best for Kids”
We believe this
textbook is
simply that...



Cost to District (Year 1)

	Quantity	Unit Price
Level 1	50 Supersite + Textbook	\$129.95
125 students	75 Supersite	\$119.95
Level 2	75 Supersite + Textbook	\$129.95
175 students	100 Supersite	\$119.95
Year 1 →	300	\$31,571.10

** Online teacher licenses, Professional Development Workshop (Webinar), and anytime online support would be included at no cost to the district

Cost to District (Year 2)

	Quantity	Unit Price
Level 3 150 students	75 Supersite 75 Supersite + Textbook	\$119.95 \$129.95
Level 4 85 students	35 Supersite 50 Supersite + Textbook	\$119.95 \$129.95
Year 2 →	235	\$30,427.56

All Spanish Teachers Thank you!



Thanks!

Does anyone have any questions?

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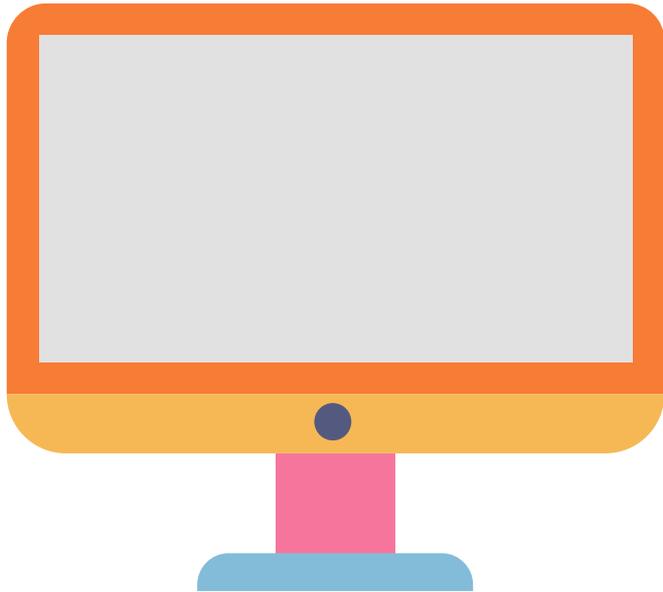
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Features of the Online Workbook



Additional vocabulary and grammar practice that include listening and speaking activities that are auto corrected for immediate feedback.



Provides activities with all 3 modes of communication, interpersonal, interpretive and presentational.



Provides students with an opportunity to focus on target areas where improvement can or needs to be made



Activities that can be unassigned or a teacher can use them as pre-, actual, or post formative assessments to support student learning.

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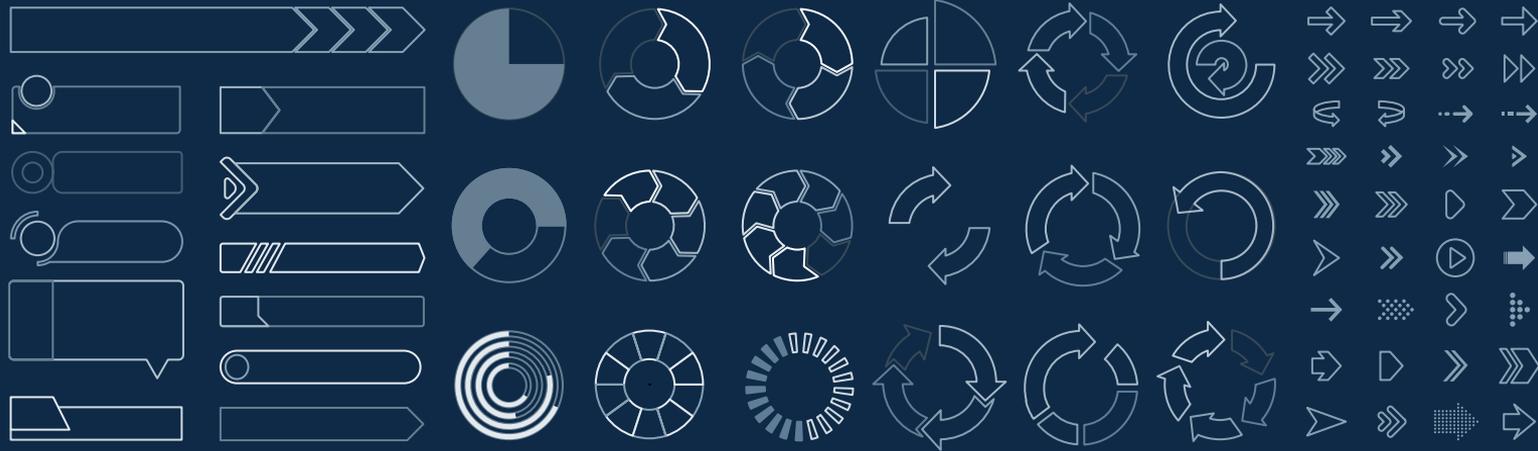
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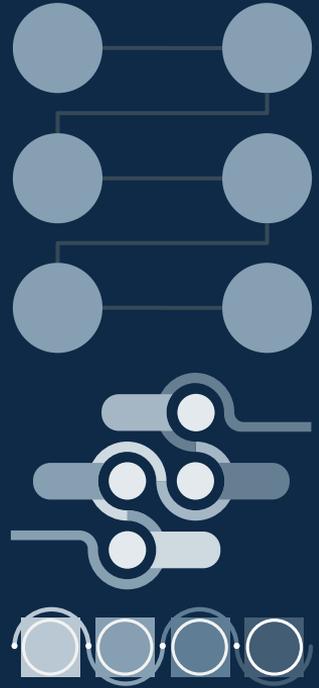
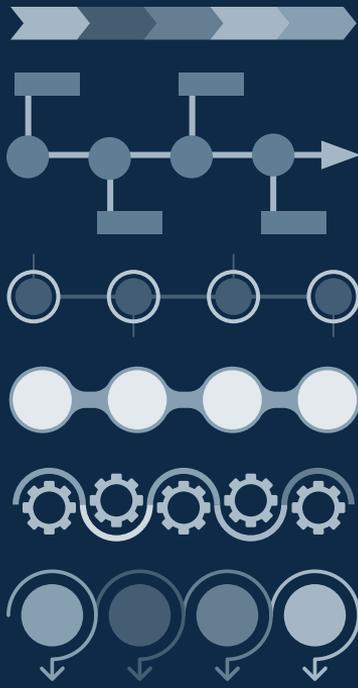
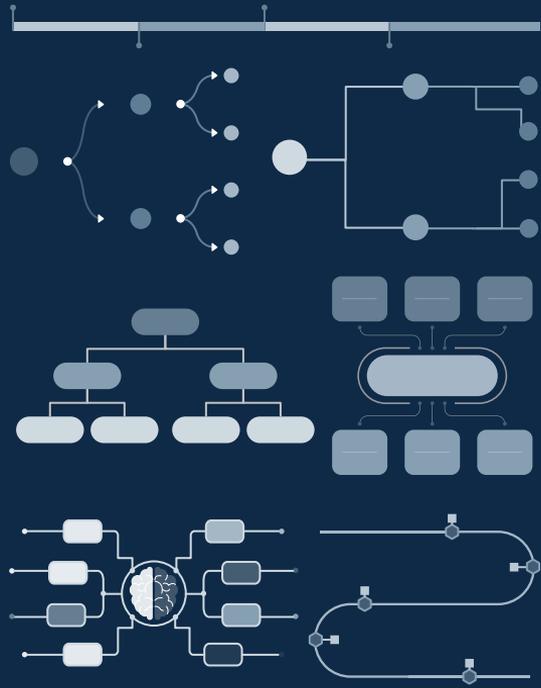
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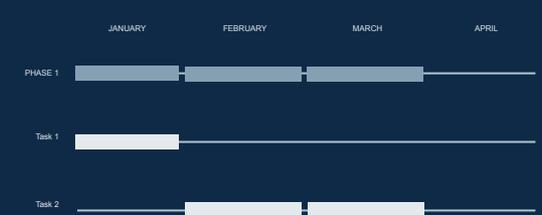
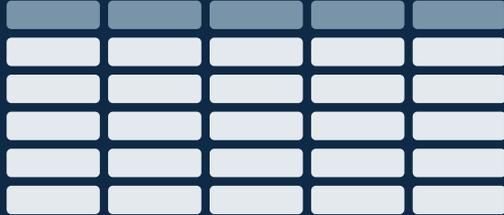
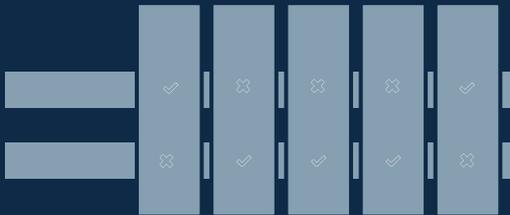
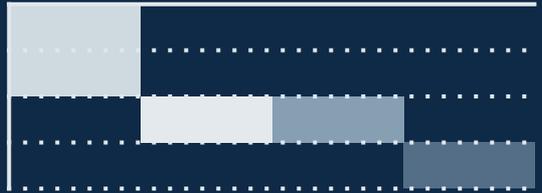
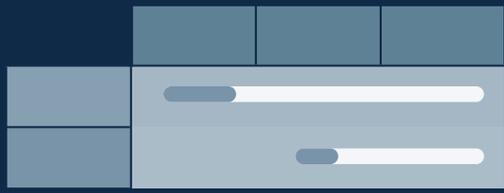
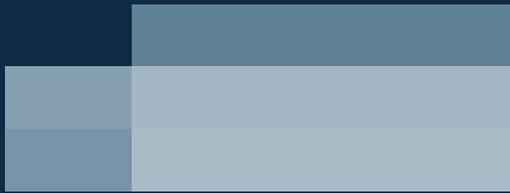
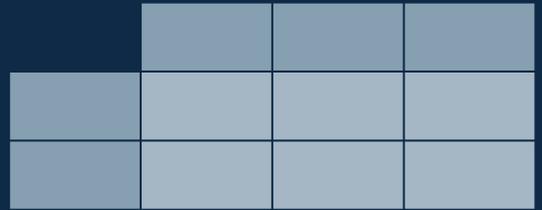
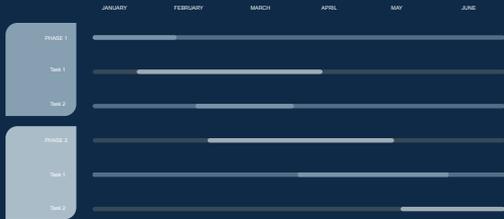
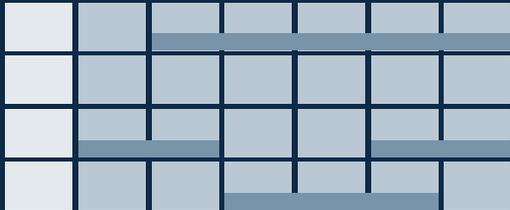
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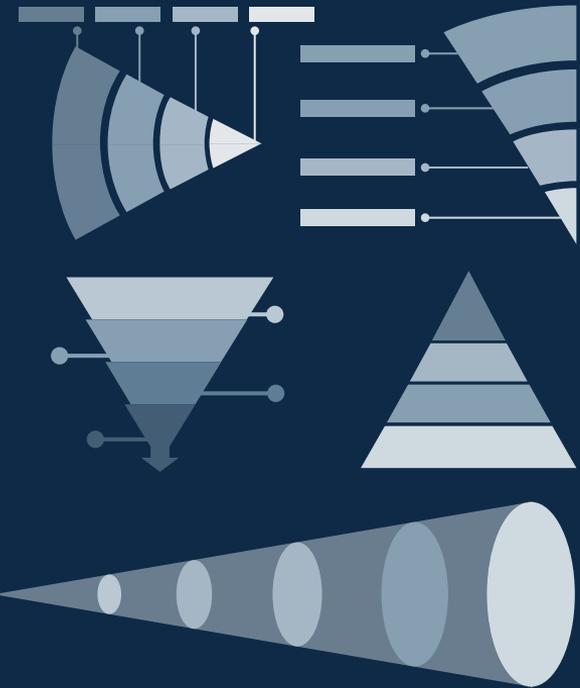
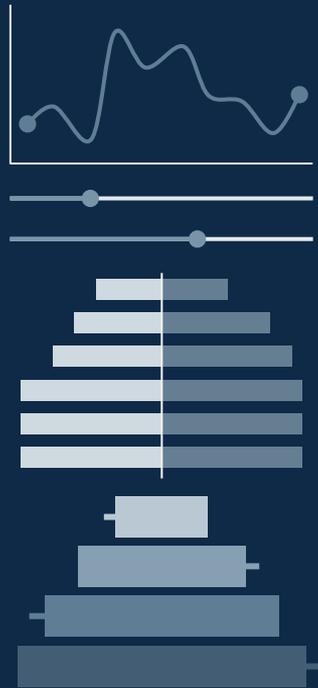
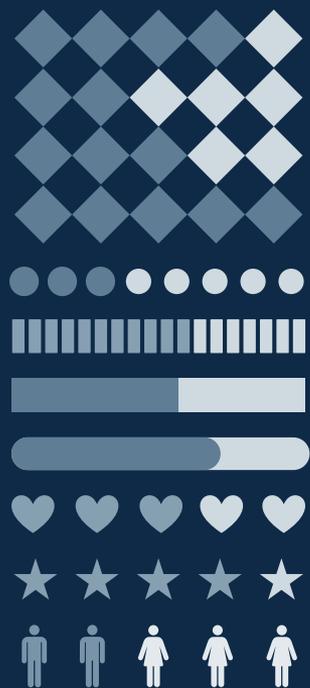
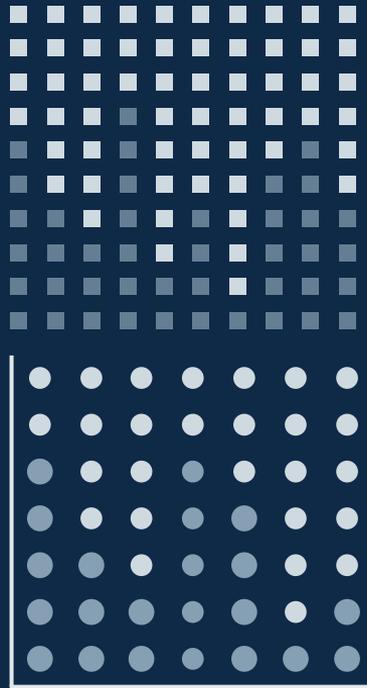












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Textbook or Instructional Resource Adoption Form

Please use as much space as needed to complete the questions. When the form is complete, please email it to Dr. Brooks and send one hard copy with signatures in the interoffice mail. If you need any assistance with any part of the form, please contact Dr. Brooks.

1. Title of **Currently Used** Textbook/Instructional Resource:
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2. Title of **Proposed** Textbook/Instructional Resource:
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3. Subject Area:
World Language - Spanish
4. Course:
Spanish 12, Spanish 22/21H, Spanish 32/31H, Spanish 42/41H
5. Grade Level:
9-12
6. Author(s):
Vista Higher Learning, Inc
7. Publisher:
___ José A. Blanco
8. Unit Cost of Textbook or Unit Cost of the Instructional Resource:
The cost is **\$129.95**. It includes Senderos Levels 1 & 2 Supersite Plus (Student Edition + Supersite Plus V. Text Online) **6 Year license**
9. Number of Textbooks/Instructional Resource Materials Needed:

For the year 22/23:	For the year 23/24:
Level 1: 125	Level 3: 150
Level 2: 175	Level 4: 85
10. Total Cost (including estimated shipping):
For the year 22/23: \$31,571.10 -- For a 6 Year license
For the year 23/24: \$30,427.56 -- For a 6 Year license

11. What specific selection criteria were established by the Selection Committee for a new textbook or instructional material? (enumerate below)

1. ACTFL Standards Alignment
2. Authentic Materials
3. Comprehensive Input (CI)
4. Cultural Relevance (News and Cultural Updates)
5. Engaging and up to date materials
6. Easy to follow / user friendly online textbook
7. Ways to personalize and/or differentiate learning
8. Scope and Sequence of material
9. Teacher resources

12. List the names of the Selection Committee members:

Andreia Dovale, Eugene Hellmann, Karla Mendoza, and Mariza Davila

13. Has the Selection Committee carefully vetted this textbook/instructional resource using the established criteria?

Yes, we did extensive research on this particular textbook, including having a video chat training with Higher Vista Learning experts and a real teacher who uses this same textbook in her classroom.

14. Is there a digital component to this textbook that would collect student information (names, email, date of birth, address, etc.) or house student content?

This online textbook will collect some of the student's information, such as name and email address as a way to log-in.

- a. Did you review the status of the application or software program on our [website](#) to see if it has already been approved for use?
 - i. It has not been approved yet.
- b. If not, did you go through the Bethel Public School's [resource review process](#) to have it approved?
 - i. Yes, I did. Donna Burns sent the contract to our representative to be signed. The contract has been signed by Vista Higher Learning.

15. What other textbooks or instructional resources were reviewed during the selection process? (list them below)

1. Entre Culturas from Wayside Publishing.
2. ¡Exploremos! from National Geographic Learning/Cengage
3. Aauténtico from Pearson
4. Descubre from Vista Higher Learning
5. Encuentros from Vista Higher Learning

16. Was all or part of the textbook or instructional resource piloted by teachers? (Describe the pilot procedure or explain why the textbook was not piloted.)

The textbook was piloted by the teacher in levels 2 and 3. In PLCs, teachers created several lessons using the textbook (sample and limited online resources provided by Vista Higher Learning). After conducting the lessons, again in PLCs, the teachers shared about the students' reaction to the different types of resources they had, and spoke about the students' outcomes. They were pleased with the level of rigor and relevance of the materials.

17. What other school districts in our area or in Connecticut use this textbook or instructional resource?

I spoke with several different department chairs in districts around our area (Watertown, Newtown, Brookfield, Masuk, Region 15, New Fairfield, and New Milford). Both Watertown and Newtown are currently looking to adopt a new textbook as they are also using *¡Avancemos!* Brookfield and Masuk are currently using *Senderos* for their classes. Both districts mentioned that the decision was made unanimously by their departments after their staff members had the opportunity to review many of the curricular resources.

18. Summarize the reasons why this textbook or instructional resource is being recommended to the Board of Education for adoption.

The reason our teachers chose this specific textbook is because we felt that it has many components for our students to achieve proficiency in the language. This textbook is a fully integrated and scaffolded program with a variety of print offerings and superior technology. After the video training we were impressed by its many features such as how we could empower our students to become effective communicators, support them through personalized learning, engage them with many of the digital tools they offer on their online textbook, and opportunities to connect to the modern world.

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