

Curriculum Meeting
Thursday, April 6, 2017 4:45 PM
Curriculum Library Office, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

1. Curriculum Meeting to review new textbook
New Textbook for SHS Grade 11 Academic English - “Whale Talk” by Chris Crutcher

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2. Other

Textbook Proposal Form

Use this form to propose the purchase of new textbooks, software, or other major instructional resources for a new course, grade, or multiple grades.

Date: 3/31/2017

Person(s) submitting: Alicia Simoes

Content Area: English

Grade(s): 11

Course: Academic English11

Recommended Purchase:

Title or Name of Resource: *Whale Talk* by Chris Crutcher

Type of Resource: Novel

ISBN# 10: 0061771317

Copyright: Greenwillow Books, 2009

Vendor: Amazon

Address:

1. Does the text address the content of the curriculum at the appropriate grade level?

Yes

No

Process used to select this curriculum resource:

This short novel is high engagement text at a Lexile Level of 1,000, which is perfect for the Academic level students. The plot is built around a bi-racial adolescent protagonist struggling with issues of prejudice, race identity, poverty, and relationships. The story is poignant and reflects current issues in modern high school settings across America. It conveys themes of acceptance, resilience, and perseverance. I have taught this novel in the past with a group of Alternative Education student and I found it to be a success.

Is this the only curriculum resource for this course? _If not, what other resource(s) will be used?

No. The course uses several different texts and novels throughout the year.

How was this resource evaluated in terms of providing adequate instructional support for the curriculum?

The text supports CCT Standards for Language Arts in 11th grade including RL. 11-12.1, RL. 11-12.2, and W.11-12.2

Attach a standard budget sheet to detail the purchase costs.

20 books at \$8.14 per book = \$162.80