



Alexandria City Public Schools

Secondary Science Textbook Adoption

School Board Meeting
May 19, 2022





Essential Questions

1. How are **new textbooks** funded?
2. What is the **timeline** for recommending new textbooks?
3. What is the **process** for recommending new textbooks ?
4. How will we continue to **move forward**?



Textbook Funding



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Years	Proposed Schedule of Funding	Targeted Subjects/Professional Learning
FY 2020	708,750	Secondary Math
FY 2021	1,089,885	Social Studies 1–4 and 9–12, and Advanced Placement (AP) Psychology
FY 2022	929,940	English Language Arts 6–12
FY 2023	985,550	Secondary Science 6-12
FY 2024	1,071,420	Elementary Science
FY 2025	1,172,880	Elementary Math
FY 2026	452,250	World Languages
Total 7 Years	6,410,675	
FY 2027	1,000,000	Annual Textbook Funding



Textbook Process



- The Textbook Selection Committee (TSC) **reviewed the established criteria.**
- A **request for proposal (RFP)** was issued.
- The RFP committee met to review vendor submissions and narrow choices for the TSC.

- The TSC met and gathered feedback from Professional Learning Communities (PLC) and grade-level teams.
- Vendors gave presentations and answered TSC questions.
- **A public review of textbooks took place.**

- The TSC shared feedback with the RFP committee and made final recommendations.
- **Materials were submitted to the School Board for review.**

- **The Procurement Process was finalized.**
- Online access was provided to teachers.
- Print materials were distributed to schools and teachers.
- Professional Development for teachers was offered in August.



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Textbook Selection Committee

- **Instructional Specialists** for science, specialized instruction, English Learners (ELs), and Talented and Gifted (TAG)/honors
- Classroom **teachers and coaches**
- School-based **administrators**
- **Technology Integration Specialists**
- **Technology Services** representatives





Review Criteria



- ✓ **Align** with the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) Science Standards of Learning (SOL).
- ✓ **Provide** guidance and resources for meeting the needs of diverse learners.
- ✓ **Present** multiple and diverse perspectives.
- ✓ **Include** high-quality digital resources.



Public Review



- **Online and in-person** access and directions for review
- **In-person** reviews available **by appointment** at ACPS Textbook Services (604 S. Pickett St., Alexandria, VA)



Middle School (MS) Science Adoption Timeline

May 2022

- **May 19:** Present the Textbook Selection Process at the School Board meeting.
- **May 26:** Conduct MS science vendor presentations and committee selection.

June 2022

- **June 2:** Presentation of MS science textbook selection contracts.
- **June 16:** Hold a School Board Meeting for consent.

July 2022

- **July 1:** Purchase MS science textbooks.
- **July 15:** Make electronic versions of MS science textbook materials available to teachers.

August 2022

- **August 17:** Conduct professional learning on MS science textbook materials.

September 2022–June 2023 and beyond:

- Continued professional learning.
- Align science textbook resources to the ACPS curriculum in Canvas.



High School Textbook Timeline

May 2022

- **May 19, 2022:** Present the Textbook Selection Process at the School Board Meeting.
- **May 18, 2022–June 1, 2022:** Review options for textbook selection by the high school textbook committee.

June 2022

- **June 6, 2022 - June 10, 2022:** Schedule vendor presentations for the science high school books (different days for different courses).
- **June 14, 2022:** Finalize the review and evaluation process by the high school textbook committee.

July 2022

- **July 1, 2022–July 30, 2022:** Collect all high school science materials under review from schools during the summer break.

August 2022

- **TBA:** At the first **School Board Meeting** of the school year, present the high school science textbook selection, and request approval for the purchase.

September–October 2022

- **September 2022:** Purchase high school science textbooks
- **October 2022 - June 2023 and beyond:**
- Provide **Professional Learning** on new materials
- Align textbook resources to the **ACPS Curriculum in Canvas**.



Moving Forward

- **Continue** the online and public review through May 21, 2022
- **Request** School Board adoption/approval at the **June 2, 2022**, meeting for MS science textbooks
- **Continue** the Procurement Process and the purchase of materials





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