





School District U-46

Gale In Context: For Educators for 2023-2026

Board of Education Presentation

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Purpose

This proposal is to provide a core instruction resource for secondary schools that will enhance lesson design with access to digital and current, thus engaging, research, and informational texts.

Alignment to Strategic Plan

UM6 STRATEGIC PLAN AUG 2022



Student Success

It is our responsibility to ensure all students are engaged in rigorous learning, receive quality core instruction, and can develop the skills they need for better life chances and opportunities. By helping students develop self and peer agency, they will develop a growth mindset as they learn to expand their perspectives.

Effective & Engaged Staff

We will value, develop, recruit, and retain a forward-thinking, highly qualified, and diverse workforce. We will establish a robust process for measuring employee engagement to identify and proactively address employee engagement issues.

Culture, Climate & Community

We will engage in meaningful and effective relationships with our students, families and the greater community and will ensure that our schools are welcoming and inviting places for all of our U-46 students and families. We will become a choice district that inspires families to join us.

Excellence, Efficiency & Accountability

We will advocate for and utilize systems and resources that promote fiscal equity, operational excellence, efficiency and accountability. It is our moral imperative to change until all our systems measurably work for all students.



Rationale

- Long time digital content provider (databases and eBooks) for U-46
- Extends the resource to include:
 - Environmental Studies
 - Global Issues (used nationally to support International Baccalaureate programs)
- Standards-aligned resource for Reading for Information
- Provides instructional strategies to support inquiry-based learning
- Includes Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) materials
- Includes Social/Emotional Learning (SEL) content

Process

- Training will be provided on DCD and PPD days.
- Fall 2023 Standards-based instructional design using the tools in the application; work and planning time for teachers as they design their lessons with learning targets, strategies using *Gale In Context: For Educators*, and formative and summative assessments.
- Customize lessons using features such as changing the language to meet the needs of students and customizing resources by reading level.
- Use collaboration tools for lesson planning and organizing classroom materials to share with colleagues and students.

Recommended Resources

Gale In Context: For Educators Suite:

- Gale In Context (extending our use to a third year as part of the suite)
- Gale For Educators
 - Global Issues (meets the need for higher levels of research resource as mentioned in the International Baccalaureate audit)
 - Environmental Studies

Cost

Item	# of Years of Access	Quantity	Total Cost
Textbooks and Online Licenses (this includes the current Gale in Context agreement renewals for annual payments 7/31/2020 - 7/31/2024 as well as Gale For Educators Suite)	3.5	13 sites	\$700,399.00
Cost per pupil; per year	3.5	16,796 enrolled in 13 sites	\$11.91 per pupil per year
Technology (Hardware and Software)	Included	Included	Included
Additional Media	N/A	N/A	N/A
Professional Development	3.5	Included	Included
TOTAL		13	\$700,399.00

Plans for the Evaluation of Change

U-46 will use several tools to measure the success of the *Gale In Context: For Educators* including:

- □ Usage Reports
- □ Teacher Feedback/Surveys
- □ Common Assessments
- □ Formative Assessments
- □ Summative Assessments
- ☐ Statewide Assessments (IAR and SAT Suite)





