

CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date: Friday, May 16, 2025
Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Location: Carroll Community College, K Building – Room 100

Time	Agenda Topic
9:30 – 9:35	Welcome / Agenda Overview
9:35 - 11:30	Final Review of Instructional Materials Discussion / Questions / Comments Regarding Instructional Materials Voting

The Charge of the Curriculum Council is to:

- Develop a working knowledge of curriculum goals, trends, and issues.
- Network with curriculum supervisors to communicate local concerns and issues regarding curriculum.
- Communicate curriculum goals, trends, and issues with individual parents, parent groups, and the home school’s administration and faculty.
- Review and recommend to the Board of Education instructional textbooks and materials proposed for adoption.
- Provide advice and recommendations to the Superintendent and Board of Education regarding issues related to curriculum as requested, or as initiated by the Council.

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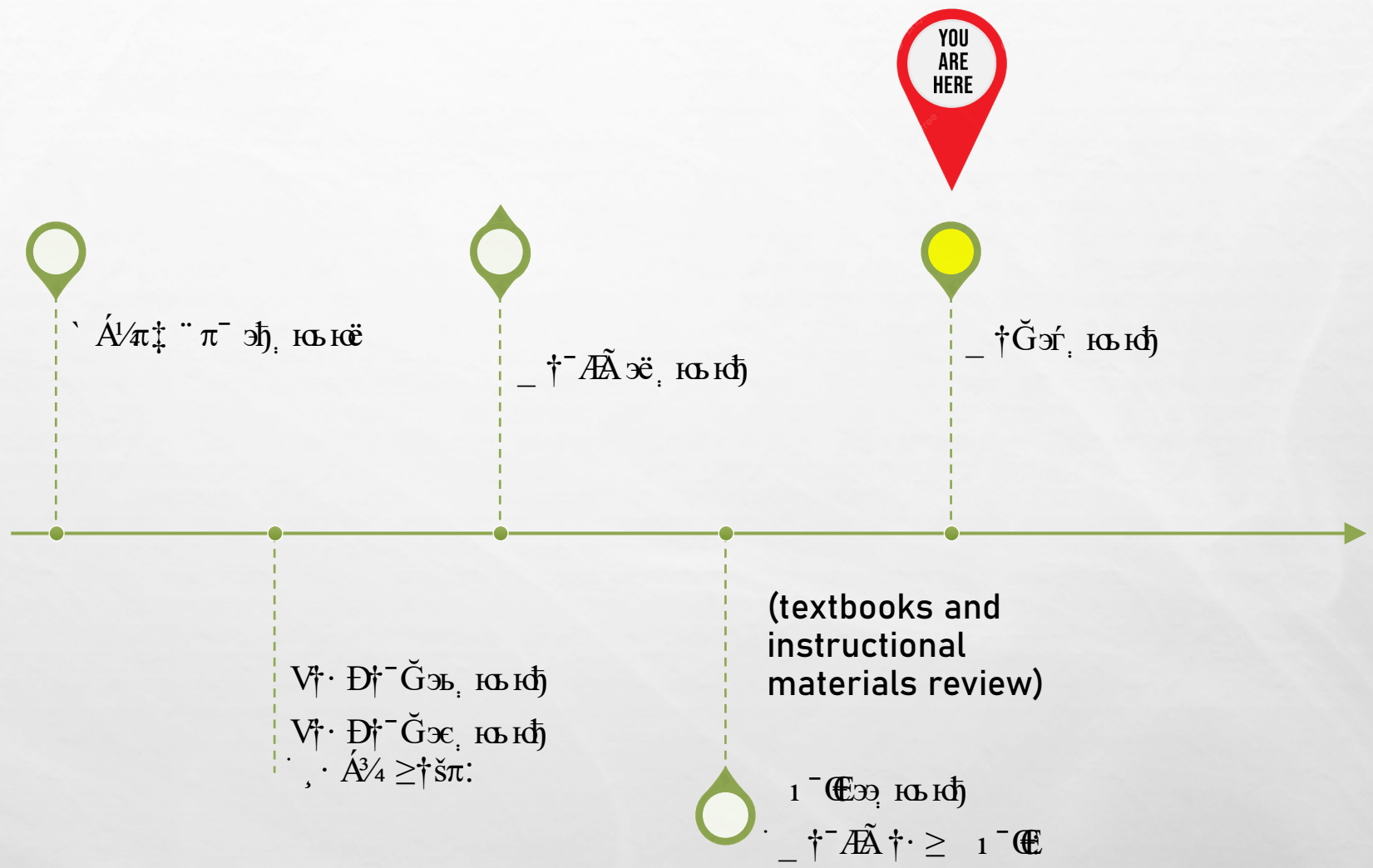


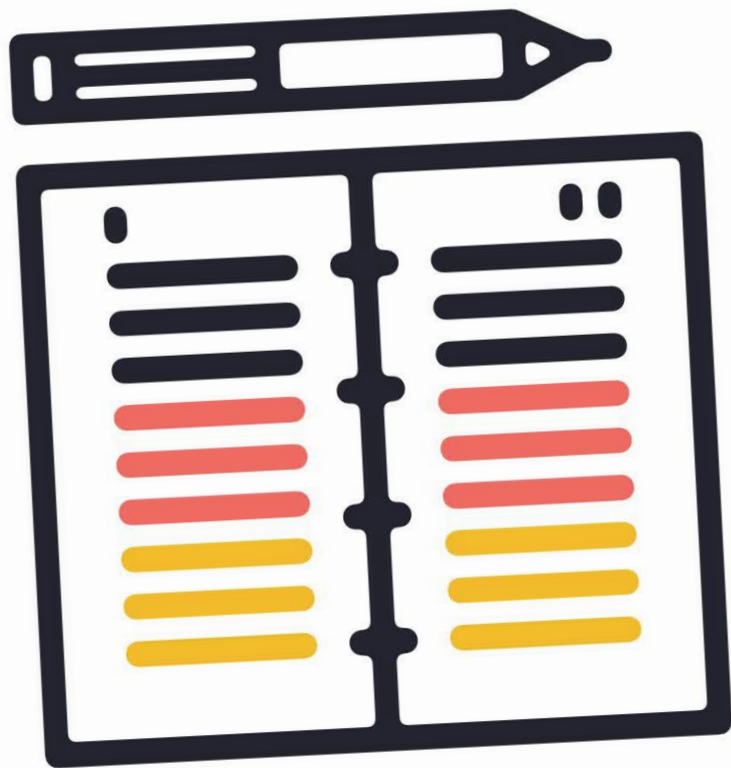
- **Students**
- **Parents & Community Members**
- **BOE Members**
- **School & Central Office Administrators**
- **CCPS Union Representatives**
- **Curriculum Supervisors & Coordinators**
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CURRICULUM COUNCIL MISSION

THE CURRICULUM COUNCIL **REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDS INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION AND PROVIDES INPUT AND RESPONSE TO THE SUPERINTENDENT REGARDING ISSUES FACING CARROLL COUNTY IN ITS CHALLENGE TO BRING ABOUT CONTINUOUS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT. MEMBERS DEVELOP A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF CURRICULUM GOALS, TRENDS AND ISSUES, AND NETWORK WITH SUPERVISORS TO COMMUNICATE LOCAL CONCERNS AND ISSUES REGARDING CURRICULUM AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT.**

MEETING DATES AND TIMES





TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS DISCUSSION AND REVIEW


VOTING PROCESS

➤ **CCPS “APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS” DOCUMENT**

➤ **INCLUDES: TITLE, COMMENTS & THREE VOTING COLUMNS:**

➤ **IF VOTING “NO”, PLEASE PROVIDE A REFLECTION DETERMINING THIS RATING**

Abstain / Did not Review	Yes	No	Provide reflection in determining this rating



➤ **PLEASE COMPLETE THE “VOTING DOCUMENT”, INTENTION FORM, AND PAPER FEEDBACK FORM!**

➤ **THESE THREE DOCUMENTS ARE YOUR EXIT TICKET FOR DISMISSAL! PLEASE LEAVE ALL THREE FORMS ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK 😊**

Thanks for a Great Year!

See you next Fall!

THANK YOU!

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE THE
BRIEF FEEDBACK FORM, INTENTION
FORM, AND MATERIALS VOTING
DOCUMENT**

TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS REVIEW

Subject Area: Advanced Academics - Elementary School

Title	Author	Grade(s)	Subject	Copyright	Publisher / ISBN #	Cost
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Grace Lin	3	AA / ELA	2009	Little, Brown and Co. 978-0-316-03863-8	\$8.99
The Wild Robot	Peter Brown	3	AA / ELA	2018	Piccadilly Press 978-0-316-38200-7	\$8.99
Wishtree	Katherine Applegate	3	AA / ELA	2017	Macmillan Pub. Group, LLC 978-1-250-04322-1	\$8.99

TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS REVIEW

Subject Area: Health Education – Elementary School

Title	Author	Grade(s)	Subject	Copyright	Publisher / ISBN #	Cost
Cavities vs Toothpaste	Didi Dragon	3	Carroll Springs / ES Health	2021	Aha! Press 978-1-735-25246-9	\$11.99
Don't Hug Doug (He Doesn't Like It)	Carrie Finnison	PreK	Mental / Emotional	2021	G.P. Putnam's Sons 978-1-9848-1302-2	\$12.49
From My Head to My Toes	Aly Raisman	1-3	Body Boundaries	2024	Henry Holt & Co. 978-1-250-79810-7	\$18.99
Give Me Back My Bones!	Kim Norman	2	Skeletal System	2019	Candlewick Press 978-0-7636-8841-7	\$18.99
Helpers in my Community	Bobbie Kalman	1-2	Carroll Springs / ES Health	2010	Crabtree Publishing 978-0-778-79488-2	\$6.95
How Full is Your Bucket? For Kids	Tom Rath and Mary Reckmeyer	K	Friendship / Mental / Emotional	2009	Gallup Press 978-159562027-9	\$9.99
I Feel (Series of 11 Books)	DJ Corchin	PreK-5	Carroll Springs / ES Health	2021	Sourcebooks 978-1-7282-1949-3	\$132.00

TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS REVIEW

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Lily Learns About Wants and Needs	Lisa Bullard	3	Mental / Emotional	2014	Millbrook Press 978-1-4677-0764-0	\$8.99
Listening to My Body	Gabi Garcia	2	Carroll Springs / ES Health	2020	New Harbinger Publications 978-0-9989-5800-2	\$11.66
My Body Sends a Signal	Natalia Maguire	3	Carroll Springs / ES Health	2020	Mighty Media Press 978-3-982-14283-8	\$10.89
My Mouth is a Volcano	Julia Cook	2	Mental / Emotional, Communication	2021	Natl. Center for Youth Issues 9781931636858	\$10.95
Someday	Eileen Spinelli	2-3	Growth Mindset	2007	Dial Books 978-0-8037-2941-4	
Sophie the Sun-Safe Surfer	Dr. F.E. Frater	2-3	Carroll Springs / ES Health	2022	1000 Storybooks 9798985722611	\$9.99

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Subject Area: Health Education – Elementary School

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The Sour Grape	Jory John and Pete Oswald	3	Mental / Emotional, Gratitude	2022	Harper Collins 9778-0-06-304541-5	\$19.99
Wash Your Hands!	Noreen R. Hussain and J. Kiernan	1	Carroll Springs / ES Health	2020	Independently Published 9798583216239	\$10.99
What Were You Thinking?	Bryan Smith	3	Mental / Emotional, Communication, Impulse Control	2016	The Boys Town Press 978-1-934490-96-9	\$11.95
Whose Hands Are These?	Miranda Paul	2	Carroll Springs / ES Health	2016	Millbrook Press 978-1-4677-5214-5	\$18.00
Whose Hat is This?	Sharon Katz Cooper	PreK-1	Carroll Springs / ES Health	2006	Window Picture Books 978-1-4048-1976-4	\$8.99

TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS REVIEW

Subject Area: Social Studies – Elementary School

Title	Author	Grade(s)	Subject	Copyright	Publisher / ISBN #	Cost
All the Way to the Top	Annette Bay Pimental	5	Social Studies / Humanities	2020	Sourcebooks 978-1-4926-8897-6	\$11.11
As the Crow Flies: A First Book of Maps	Gail Hartman	1	Social Studies	1993	Aladdin 978-0-689-71762-8	\$8.86
The Boy Who Loved Maps	G. Brian Karas	1	Social Studies	2022	Anne Schwartz Books 978-1-9848-5230-4	\$14.59
Good People Everywhere	Lynea Gillen	1	Social Studies	2012	Three Pebble Press LLC 978-0-979-92878-7	\$15.95
Let the Children March	Monica Clark-Robinson	5	Social Studies / Humanities	2018	Harper Collins Publishers 978-0-544-70452-7	\$10.49
The Little House	Virginia Lee Burton	1	Social Studies	2009	Clarion Books 978-0-395-25938-2	\$6.99

TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS REVIEW

Subject Area: Social Studies – Elementary School

Title	Author	Grade(s)	Subject	Copyright	Publisher / ISBN #	Cost
Looking Down	Steve Jenkins	1	Social Studies	2003	Clarion Books 978-0-618-31098-2	\$7.19
Miss Paul and the President	Dean Robbins	5	Social Studies / Humanities	2016	Random House Children's Books 978-1-101-93720-4	\$14.23
My Map Book	Sara Fanelli	1	Social Studies	2019	Harper Collins 978-0-06-289887-6	\$15.99
Now Let Me Fly: A Story of a Slave Family	Dolores Johnson	4	Social Studies	1993	Aladdin Paperbacks 978-0-02-747699-6	\$7.99
Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deeds	Emily Pearson	1	Social Studies	2002	Gibbs Smith 978-1-4236-4887-1	\$9.99
Strictly no Elephants	Lisa Mantchev	1	Social Studies	2015	Simon & Schuster 978-1-481-41647-4	\$18.99

TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS REVIEW

Subject Area: Social Studies – Elementary School

Title	Author	Grade(s)	Subject	Copyright	Publisher / ISBN #	Cost
Those Shoes	Maribeth Boelts	1	Social Studies	2007	Candlewick Press 978-0-7636-4284-6	\$8.99
Unspoken	Henry Cole	4	Social Studies	2012	Scholastic 978-0-545-39997-5	\$19.99
Window	Jeannie Baker	1	Social Studies	1991	Greenwillow Books 978-0-688-08918-4	\$17.89

TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS REVIEW

Subject Area: Social Studies – Middle School

Title	Author	Grade(s)	Subject	Copyright	Publisher / ISBN #	Cost
Passages and Pathways – World Geography: Part 1	Gibbs Smith Education	6	Social Studies 6	2025	Gibbs Smith Education 978-1-4236-6466-6	\$69.95
Passages and Pathways – World Geography: Part 2	Gibbs Smith Education	7	Social Studies 7	2025	Gibbs Smith Education 978-1-4236-6467-3	\$69.95

TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS REVIEW

Subject Area: English - High School

Title	Author	Grade(s)	Subject	Copyright	Publisher / ISBN #	Cost
Blood Child	Octavia Butler	10	English 10	1996	Seven Stories Press 978-1-58322-698-8	\$14.00
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime	Mark Hadden	10	English 10, Levels 6 or 8	2002	Vintage Contemporaries 978-1-40032-716	\$8.62
Future Home of the Living God	Louise Erdrich	10	English 10	2017	Harper Collins 978-0-06-269405-8	\$28.99
The Last Runaway	Tracy Chevalier	11	English 11, Levels 6 or 8	2013	Penguin Books 04218036X	\$10.69
Specimen Days	Michael Cunningham	11	English 11, Levels 6 or 8	2006	Picador 0312425023	\$11.19
The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox	Maggie O'Farrell	11	English 11, Level 6	2008	Mariner 0156033674	\$10.46
The Woman Warrior	Maxine Kingston	10	English 10, Level 6 or 8	1989	Vintage 0679721886	\$9.49

TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS REVIEW

Subject Area: Science – High School

Title	Author	Grade(s)	Subject	Copyright	Publisher / ISBN #	Cost
Chemistry, AP Ed., 14 th Ed.	Jason Overby, Raymond Ghang	11-12	AP Chemistry	2023	McGraw-Hill 978-1-651505-7	\$267.00

TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS REVIEW

Subject Area: World Languages – High School

Title	Author	Grade(s)	Subject	Copyright	Publisher / ISBN #	Cost
InterKulturell 1	Cynthia Chalupa, Michaela Claus-Nix, Catherine Edgington, Robert Parker	9-12	German I-II	2025	Wayside Publishing 978-64159-13-1	\$70.00
InterKulturell 2	Cynthia Chalupa, Michaela Claus-Nix, Catherine Edgington, Robert Parker	9-12	German II-III	2025	Wayside Publishing 978-1-641595-23-0	\$70.00
Neue Blickwinkel: Wege Zur Kommunikation Und Kultur, 2nd Ed.	Cynthia Chalupa, Heiko ter Haseborg		German IV AP German	2017	Wayside Publishing 978-1-94240-016-5	\$135.90
Suburani: Book I	Hands Up Education	9-12	Latin I	2020	Hands Up Education 978-1-912870-08-0	\$75.00
Suburani: Book II	Hands Up Education	9-12	Latin II	2021	Hands Up Education 978-1-912870-08-0	\$75.00



Carroll County Public Schools
Approval of Textbooks and Instructional Materials
School Year 2024-2025

Review of Instructional Materials – Criteria for Curriculum Council Review

Only after recommendations from the content area supervisors are materials considered; therefore, it can be assumed that content is appropriate and supports the curriculum. Reviewers are asked to review the materials for the following factors:

1. Meets community standards for language content.
2. Provides appropriate, accurate, and non-biased subject and grade level content.
3. Provides accurate and appropriate recognition of minorities and various ethnic groups.
4. Represents appropriate and current qualities regarding technology.
5. Provides for a stereotype-free presentation, except when historically appropriate.

Subject Area: Advanced Academics – Elementary School

Title	Comments Provided During Review Process	Abstain / Did Not Review	Yes	No –	Please provide your reflection in determining this rating:
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	<p><u>Love</u>. Great selection!</p> <p>This is a delightful story with the lesson of finding the value of what you have. Love the access to Chinese folklore and the story of a courageous young girl. Engaging and entertaining!</p> <p>Interesting story about Chinese culture that I think would appeal to its intended audience.</p>				
The Wild Robot	<p><u>Love</u>. Great selection!</p> <p>A wonderfully written novel about adaptation and resilience. Great focus on problem solving, perseverance, and friendship. Also, extension thinking into technology in our natural world. Obviously, a popular book amongst children as it was recently made into a movie.</p> <p>I enjoyed this novel and I think it could be very discussion-provoking for 3rd grade Advanced Academics students.</p>				
Wishtree	<p><u>Love</u>. Great selection!</p> <p>1 thru 3-Yes; 4-NA; 5-Yes. Beautiful story with meaningful takeaways (as shared by a tree).</p> <p>One of my all-time favorite middle grade novels. A tree between two houses that witnesses the lives of the families that live within. Compassion, community, and inclusivity are some of the themes touched upon. A very heartwarming story.</p>				

Subject Area: English – High School

Title	Comments Provided During Review Process	Abstain / Did Not Review	Yes	No –	Please provide your reflection in determining this rating:
Blood Child	<p>Not a novel, but a collection of 5 short stories that makes its use adaptable to any level English classroom. Really diverse stories with diverse themes. Love the afterwords after each short story to give the reader author insight.</p> <p>I thought the story was well written but was off-put by the brief discussion of abortion and suicide towards the beginning of the story – I didn't think it was necessary to the overall story.</p>				
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime	<p>Serious concerns about <i>Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime</i>. This has been strongly criticized by the autism community because the author has admitted to not researching autism and it normalizes abuse as an appropriate response. Please consider <i>The Reason I Jump</i> by Higashida or other neurodiversity-affirming books like <i>Same But Different</i>.</p> <p>A mystery novel told by a neurodivergent individual. Short chapters (which are not numbered by sequential whole numbers, but by sequential prime numbers) that are filled with both humor and interesting insight. I think it would be a very popular read for high schoolers.</p> <p>I think this is an interesting book with a neurodivergent main character.</p> <p>1-No; 2 thru 3-Uncertain; 4-NA; 5-Uncertain. Interesting story plot, includes a portrayal of Asperger's Syndrome (not sure it's 100% accurate for unbiased – does have elements that are somewhat common) and it has profanity throughout which is concerning. I welcome conversations on the use of this book and the students' perceptions.</p>				
Future Home of the Living God	<p>Great but <u>very</u> pricey.</p> <p>A unique novel of the dystopian genre with a Native American protagonist. Definitely some challenging themes and would expect his as a choice novel rather than universally assigned. Great focus on identity and relationships.</p> <p>Similar to some of the other high school English books currently up for review, I notice the integration of moderate foul language in this novel and I do not think that is appropriate for necessary for 10th grades to read. To me, the presence of the foul language detracts from my potential enjoyment of the overall storyline.</p>				
The Last Runaway	<p>I enjoyed this novel and think the story is well written and will be appealing to the intended audience.</p> <p>Not only a look at Quaker life in Ohio in the 1800's (and a girl who has left her home in England for a very different life in America),</p>				

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	<p>but it also incorporates the Quaker participating with the Underground Railroad. Unique perspective and excellent story.</p> <p>1 thru 3-Yes; 4-NA; 5-Yes/appropriate to the period. Captivating story with several themes to unpack. Mature readers.</p>				
Specimen Days	<p>I would not recommend this book. Just from browsing it, I noted drug references (mentioning a 9- or 10-year-old child using "a few of his mother's oxycontin" (pg. 132) and also the use of foul language. I understand that this novel is intended for 11th graders, but I still do not think this content is necessary, even if the overall story is well written.</p> <p>A foundation of Walt Whitman's <i>Leaves of Grass</i>, characters appear in different centuries including NYC during the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire. Very engaging and beautifully written.</p>				
The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox	<p>The main character finds she has a great aunt that was admitted to an asylum at age 16 in the early 1900's and left there for 60 years. A wonderfully written novel about discovery of self and family.</p> <p>I think the overall storyline is good, but I was a little off put by the fact that in just the first chapter alone there were mentions of beer cans, cigarettes, and the use of mild foul language. I don't know that these literary choices were necessary to convey the storyline, but they didn't appear to continue throughout the rest of the novel though, which I appreciated.</p> <p>Mature topics shared within a unique author's craft.</p>				
The Woman Warrior	<p>A novel portraying a Chinese immigration experience tackling some common stereotypes.</p>				

Subject Area: Health Education – Elementary School

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Cavities vs Toothpaste	<p>A cute book about the importance of dental care. Colorful illustrations and lots of humor to engage young students in the content.</p> <p>This book does a great job of using humor to explain the importance of good dental hygiene.</p>				
Don't Hug Doug (He Doesn't Like It)	<p>Love!</p> <p>I love rhyming picture books for young students and this has amazing, bright, colorful, fun, and diverse illustrations. It illustrates</p>				

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	<p>the many ways to connect with people without hugging those who don't like it.</p> <p>I love all the things this book addresses. I feel any student can relate. I highly recommend this book.</p> <p>This book does a great job explaining personal boundaries which I really appreciate. The rhyming and bright illustrations are nice!</p>				
From My Head to My Toes	<p>Has good representation of different people. Good messaging about consent. Dear Adult Reader section can help lead discussion with children about topic. This has an important message; I think it is imperative to make children aware of dangerous situations and teach them how to deal with it. It is also important that this book takes a focus on sports / abuse in sports.</p> <p>I love all the colorful pics and diversity represented in this book. I love the letter at the end to the "adult reader." Aly Raisman's message is a crucial one that needs to be shared.</p> <p>Love!</p> <p>Simple engaging text with gorgeous, colorful illustrations. Diverse representation covering body autonomy and consent. Beautiful book by Olympian Aly Raisman.</p> <p>This is a wonderful book that teaches about consent and personal boundaries. I love the illustrations and the diverse characters and that it encourages kids to always talk to a safe adult when they are feeling unsure about something.</p>				
Give Me Back My Bones!	<p>Appropriate language used; on grade level; informative in an engaging way; unbiased; stereotype-free, all humans depicted as the same.</p> <p>Rhyming and filled with lots of humor. Beautifully illustrated book introducing students to the skeletal system.</p> <p>This is a phenomenal book! I think kids will really enjoy the rhyming scheme and as a healthcare provider, I appreciate that this story introduces kids to the "real" anatomical names of our bones!</p>				
Helpers in my Community	<p>Diverse representations of community helpers, some not often seen in most books on the topics. Great photographs and clear direct text.</p> <p>This is a great book. It has great illustrations featuring diverse characters and really does a great job explaining the roles of various community helpers!</p>				
How Full is Your Bucket? For Kids	<p>I think this book does a great job of explaining the concept of "empty vs. full buckets" to kids. It's a concept a lot of adults are familiar with, and I think it's great that this story is aimed at little</p>				

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	<p>ones. I enjoyed how the illustrations showed the small bucket over the main character’s head throughout the story.</p> <p>I’ve seen many kids respond positively to the bucket analogy and adopt its language to be kind to others. The book is direct and beautifully illustrated to talk about kindness towards others.</p> <p>Good message. Visualizes an idea important for kids to understand. Would recommend this for 1st-3rd grade, not all of PreK, as it is a simple book.</p>				
I Feel (Series of 11 Books)	<p>I really enjoy this book series. The illustrations are fantastic, and the simple sentences could appeal to any elementary-aged students. The books do a great job explaining the various feelings in a way that the target audience can really understand.</p> <p>These are beautiful books with simple, bright, and engaging pictures. The words are easy but capture so much.</p> <p>I love the simple text and the simple, yet bold and colorful illustrations that cover complex emotions. Very thorough and direct.</p>				
Lily Learns About Wants and Needs	Great illustrations and wonderful text discussing the difference between wants and needs while also subtle focus on making healthy choices.				
Listening to My Body	Focusing on the physical sensations attached to various emotions to help students identify their feelings. Sweet illustrations and clear text.				
My Body Sends a Signal	<p>This book breaks down emotions into an easy-to-understand way for the age group. I like that it includes activities and coloring at the end to encourage further exploration. The extra focus on anger management is extremely important.</p> <p>A very comprehensive picture book discussing body signals so we can identify emotions. Probably too big for a read aloud but great as a reference and includes cards that can be used to identify feelings.</p> <p>Great book about feelings!</p>				
My Mouth is a Volcano	<p>Excellent book for teaching about thinking before you speak; good moral lesson; pictures are good for engagement; would recommend this book to grade K-3 teachers; appropriate for grades K-3.</p> <p>Clear text in an engaging story with wonderful illustrations covering active listening and impulse control.</p> <p>I really like this book. I think it does a nice job of explaining the feeling of wanting to interrupt a conversation and how to control that. I think this is a perfect age group for this book.</p>				
Someday	This book was uplifting and joyful. It has a very easy transition between times in the future for her “dreams” to how it corresponds to things she is doing in current times. It opens the possibilities to				

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	<p>students of how the things they do “today” or “right now” can turn into great things.</p> <p>What a sweet picture book about growth mindset. The dreams kids have and what they can do now to help them grow towards those dreams.</p> <p>Great story about dreaming about the future.</p>				
Sophie the Sun-Safe Surfer	<p>Simple rhymes and illustrations discussing how to protect yourself from the sun.</p> <p>I think this is a cute book with graphics that will really appeal to these grade levels. I like how the story emphasized the importance of sunscreen even during less “obvious” situations such as cloudy days and even during the winter.</p>				
The Sour Grape	<p>Another book by the author and illustrator of <i>The Bad Seed</i> and <i>The Couch Potato</i>. Wonderfully funny book about being grateful and forgiving others. I love this book!</p> <p>Strong message of being kind to others. Format is helpful, makes sure kids know it’s okay to be mad sometimes. Appropriate level for 3rd graders, could be slightly more complicated with language use to facilitate learning.</p>				
Wash Your Hands!	<p>Big clear text and great illustrations talking about germs and the importance of washing your hands.</p> <p>This is a cute story, and I think the rhyming theme will appeal to this grade level. It does a good job explaining the importance of handwashing in various situations.</p>				
What Were You Thinking?	<p>Great story with fantastic illustrations talking about impulse control and the consequences of impulsive decisions.</p> <p>I think this is an age-appropriate book that does a good job teaching about impulse control.</p>				
Whose Hands Are These?	<p>Elaborate and colorful illustrations covering community helpers, many of which we don’t see in a lot of community helper books.</p> <p>Interactive nature is good for kids’ pattern recognition, etc. Motivational/aspirational message. Further information on back is helpful for students who want to learn more. Website is listed but in fine print, may be better to make educational site more available.</p> <p>This is a great book! I loved the illustrations, the rhyming, and the overall story. I think kids will enjoy this interactive book.</p>				
Whose Hat is This?	<p>An engaging and interactive book discussing a diverse array of community helpers.</p> <p>This is a really cute book. I enjoyed how each page asks the reader to guess which hat would be introduced next by showing a “sneak peek” of the hat.</p>				

Subject Area: Science – High School

Title	Comments Provided During Review Process	Abstain / Did Not Review	Yes	No –	Please provide your reflection in determining this rating:
Chemistry, AP Ed., 14 th Ed.	Online capabilities very useful; pictures/graphics relevant; comprehensive understanding; on grade level; accurate, peer reviewers, unbiased. Love the setup of the chapters. Clear text and great illustrations/diagrams. Great chapter summaries at the end of each chapter. Lots of practice problems and questions.				

Subject Area: Social Studies – Elementary School

Title	Comments Provided During Review Process	Abstain / Did Not Review	Yes	No –	Please provide your reflection in determining this rating:
All the Way to the Top	There are large blocks of text trying to explain complex topics; as this is a picture book, shorter phrases could be better. There are depictions of students in wheelchairs not being allowed to eat lunch, which I don't think there is a basis in reality. Presents those with disabilities not as the same, but explains that is still ok, good message. Excellent picture book about the Capital Crawl and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Engaging text and beautifully illustrated. 1 thru 3-Yes; 4-Web address for the author; 5-Yes. Foreword sets the stage for the nonfiction text. Color pictures. Milestones timeline and information in the back of the book can enhance understanding.				
As the Crow Flies: A First Book of Maps	A wonderfully illustrated picture book giving an introduction to maps. No real message, however, could be used when teaching maps. Heavily requires a lesson alongside it to create interest and facilitate learning,				
The Boy Who Loved Maps	Wonderful story with sweet illustrations introducing the concept of maps.				
Good People Everywhere	1-It does meet community standards for language content. 2-It shows positive things people do around the world, then asks the reader their next good thing they will do. 3,4,5-NA. Absolutely lovely picture book talking about the people in our communities.				
Let the Children March	Gorgeous picture book with amazing illustrations depicting true story of children marking for civil rights.				

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	<p>There is a tonal inconsistency with use of words, i.e., “dispense or you’ll get wet” is very tame where the image shows police hosing down children and using attack dogs. I think it is important that these images are shown and known but describing it as just “get wet” is a little dangerous to how kids with think the Civil Rights prove they weren’t hurt, which is false. Book describes desegregation as instant and immediately accepted, which does not show the reality of what happened. This could again mislead kids on the nature of desegregation. However, this is still a very important book to have, and this history should be taught to kids. It does suffer from being a very important topic that is tough to give a happy ending, but that’ is unimportant in the face of the story and message.</p> <p>1 thru 3-Yes; 4-NA (but website for author/illustrator noted); 5-Yes. A glimpse into the past based on facts. Colorful timeline presented.</p>				
The Little House	A very engaging and interesting story about a little house in the country that after development around it, finds itself in the middle of a bustling city. Excellent read.				
Looking Down	Fantastic picture book, no words but amazing mixed media art to illustrate the concepts of maps and communities.				
Miss Paul and the President	Fantastic illustrations and text depicting the campaign for the women’s right to vote.				
My Map Book	<p>1-It does meet language content standards. 2-It provides young students with colorful example of maps that teach kids not all maps are geographic, then it gives students a chance to make their own maps. 3,4,5-NA.</p> <p>Really fun and engaging picture book introducing the concepts of maps.</p>				
Now Let Me Fly: A Story of a Slave Family	<p>A very thorough and beautifully told story of a family of slaves. Gorgeously illustrated.</p> <p>1 thru 3-Yes; 4-NA; 5-Yes.</p>				
Ordinary Mary’s Extraordinary Deeds	<p>Excellent! Powerful. I love the sentiment, and it is so needed right now.</p> <p>1 thru 3-Yes; 4-NA; 5-Yes. Intriguing beginning. Charming; it (all good deeds) started by 1 person. Interesting number pyramid – children can find patterns.</p> <p>Very touching book about friendships and inclusivity. Diverse representations in these beautiful illustrations.</p>				
Strictly no Elephants	<p>An incredibly sweet book about inclusion and friendship. Gorgeous illustrations with wonderful text.</p> <p>Great illustrations with diverse characters.</p> <p>It meets language content standards and is accurate and non-biased. It very effectively provides appropriate recognition of</p>				

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	<p>minority groups because the story's message is to welcome everyone no matter how different they are.</p> <p>1 thru 3-Yes; 4-Websites shared for author and illustrator; 5-Yes. Charming!</p>				
Those Shoes	A wonderful story about wants vs. needs. Diverse, beautiful illustrations and an engaging story.				
Unspoken	<p>An incredible wordless picture book doing a great job of depicting the Underground Railroad without words.</p> <p>This is a wordless book in which it tells the story through a series of pictures. At the end of the book there is a passage from the author about personal experience and then facts about living in the area during the battle of Antietam. This gives the pictures an explanation after the reader could "predict" the storyline. Great tool for teaching predictive literary dissection.</p> <p>I enjoyed that the book told the story though illustrations only. Very appropriate title!</p>				
Window	<p>A wonderful wordless picture book with amazing mixed media art depicting communities.</p> <p>I enjoyed that the book contained no words and instead told the story purely through illustrations.</p> <p>1 thru 3-Yes; 4-NA; 5-Yes. Beautiful collages sharing the story of changes.</p>				

Subject Area: Social Studies - Middle School

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Passages and Pathways – World Geography: Part 1	This textbook doesn't link how physical and human geography mutually influence each other. I appreciate the space given to understanding the basics of human geography before talking about its effects on certain civilizations.				
Passages and Pathways – World Geography: Part 2	I love the emphasis on how humans shape geography over time, but I wonder if there should also be an emphasis on how geography shapes humans and human civilization. No questions asked of students to evaluate or make judgments for themselves about events in history/geography – we need to engage students in critically-thinking through events and places with an eye to the present and future. Need more questions to why events happen in relation to geography.				

Subject Area: World Languages – High School

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InterKulturell 1					
InterKulturell 2					
Neue Blickwinkel: Wege Zur Kommunikation Und Kultur, 2 nd Ed.					
Suburani: Book I	These textbooks have wonderful illustrations!				
Suburani: Book II	<p>These textbooks have wonderful illustrations!</p> <p>Good visuals – graphic novel style to help students “see” the Latin language. Inclusion of the arts, including sculpture, ceramics, and other visual arts. Mythology – a great tool to teach Latin. Great inclusion of historical background information. However, there is no historical information on minorities in the Roman world, including slaves and religious minorities (Jews, Christians, Muslims, etc.) that the Latin language affected.</p>				