



Social Studies

Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. Government and Politics & Advanced Placement (AP) Human Geography

Board of Education Presentation

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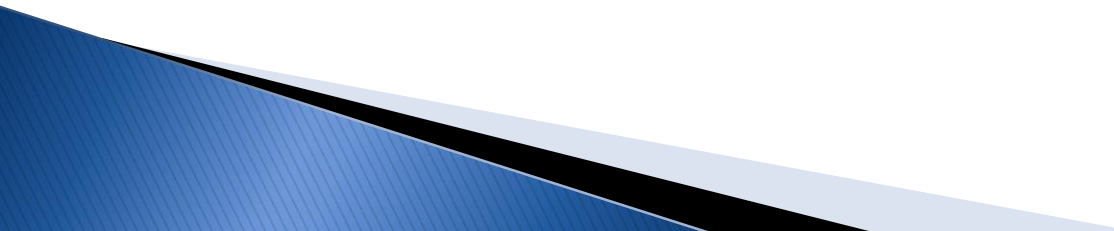
Purpose

- ▶ The purpose of this proposal is to recommend a purchase of resources to support implementation of the AP US Government and Politics and AP Human Geography curricula.

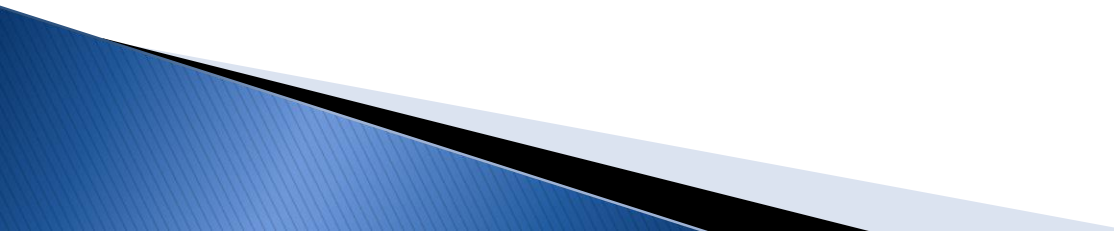
Alignment To Strategic Plan

Thematic Category	Aspirations	Priorities
Student Achievement	We will educate the whole student by providing an enriched, high quality experience that empowers all graduates to be competitive members of the global society.	We will implement and support a challenging, standards based curriculum across all content areas.


Rationale

- ▶ The AP U.S. Government and Politics curriculum and exam has been revised by College Board.
 - ▶ The updated curriculum will be fully implemented in fall 2018.
 - ▶ The resource selected is aligned to the revised AP U.S. Government and Politics curriculum, and will support effective teaching and learning in this course.
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Rationale

- ▶ The AP Human Geography resources were purchased prior to the 2015 course revision.
 - ▶ The selected resource provides updated text as well as access to digital resources that are continually updated to reflect geospatial and political map changes.
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Process

- ▶ Committee members reviewed several text selections during the spring of 2017.
 - ▶ Committee members met in June 2017 and August 2017 to discuss the merits of each selection.
 - ▶ Both committees made final selections in August 2017.
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Professional Development

- ▶ Spring/Summer 2018
 - Resource– Publisher
 - PPD May 25
 - June (if needed)
 - August
 - Curricula– College Board
 - March 15&16
 - Webinars (available via College Board website)
 - Additional dates in Fall 2018

Resources

AP U.S. Government and Politics

- ▶ *American Government: Roots and Reform*
O'Connor and Sabato (Pearson, 2018)

AP Human Geography

- ▶ *The Cultural Landscape: Introduction to Human Geography*
Rubenstein (Pearson, 2017)

Resources

Course	Title	Cost
AP U.S. Government and Politics	American Government: Roots and Reform	\$134.97 per student 525 students \$70,859.25
AP Human Geography	The Cultural Landscape: Introduction to Human Geography	\$146.47 per student 142 students \$20,798.74
	Total	\$91,657.99

Evaluation of Change

- ▶ Data will be reviewed yearly from indicators such as
 - Enrollment rate
 - Percent of students taking AP exams
 - AP exam passing rates
 - Retention rates within the courses
 - Student survey data

