



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	April 9, 2026
Agenda Item:	Social Science Instructional Materials Overview
Item Type:	Information
Administrator:	Jennifer Mason and Megan Young
Objective:	To Provide an Overview of Social Science Instructional Resources considered for approval of adoption at the April 23 Board meeting

Background:

In accordance with Oregon Administrative Rules and School Board Policy IIA, we are recommending adopting the following instructional resources for Social Science, K-12:

- K-8: *Social Studies Alive!*, Teachers' Curriculum Institute (TCI)
- World Studies: *Explore HS World History Survey*, Cengage; *Mini-DBQs*, DBQProject
- American Studies: *Explore US HIST HS America Through the Lens 1877-Present*, Cengage
- Economics: *Econ Alive! The Power to Choose*, Teachers' Curriculum Institute (TCI)
- Civics: *Government Alive! Power, Politics and You*, Teachers' Curriculum Institute (TCI)
- AP World History: *Ways of the World, 5th ed*, Bedford, Freeman & Worth
- AP Human Geography: *The Cultural Landscape: An Intro to Human Geography, AP, 17th ed*, Pearson
- AP U.S. History: *The American Pageant, AP 18th ed.*, Cengage
- AP Government: *Government in America: People, Politics, and Policy, 19th ed*, Pearson
- AP Economics: *Krugman's Economics for the AP Course, 4th ed*, Bedford, Freeman & Worth
- AP Psychology: *Psychology, 4th ed.*, Bedford, Freeman & Worth

Each of these proposed Instructional Resources provide access to online materials as well.

The District Instructional Materials Adoption Team was composed of Social Science Teachers from elementary, middle and high schools and administrators of the curriculum department. Over the course of the 2025-2026 school year, the team explored the varied materials that are available. In order to meet the current Oregon content standards, the team has reviewed and considered all publishers.

The materials are available for public review and input through April 22. Once we take all feedback into consideration, the team will likely recommend to adopt the following materials for Board approval at the April 23 Board meeting:

Core Class	Instructional Resource	Estimated Costs
Social Science Grades K-5	<i>Social Studies Alive</i> Publisher: TCI	\$711,247
Social Science Grades 6-8	Gr 6: <i>Ha! Ancient World</i> Gr. 7: <i>Ha! The World through 1750</i> Gr 8: <i>Ha!US Through Industrialism</i> Publisher: TCI	\$508,466
Social Science Grades 9: World Studies	<i>Mini-DBQs Volume 2-4</i> Publisher: DBQProject <i>Explore HS World History Survey</i> Publisher: Cengage	\$2,703 \$113,177
Social Science Grades 11: American Studies	<i>Explore US HIST HS America Through the Lens 1877-Present</i> Publisher: Cengage	\$115,000
Social Science Grades 12: Economics	<i>Econ Alive! The Power to Choose</i> Publisher: TCI	\$120,336
Social Science Grades 12: Civics	<i>Government Alive! Power, Politics and You</i> Publisher: TCI	
Social Science Grades 9: AP Human Geography	<i>The Cultural Landscape: An Intro to Human Geography, AP, 17th ed</i> Publisher: Pearson	\$21,440

Social Science Grades 10: AP World Studies	<i>Ways of the World, 5th ed</i> Publisher: Bedford, Freeman & Worth	\$16,555
Social Science Grades 11/12: AP US History	<i>The American Pageant, AP 18th ed</i> Publisher: Cengage	\$55,403
Social Science Grades 11/12: AP Government	<i>Government in America: People, Politics, and Policy, 19th ed</i> Publisher: Pearson	\$29,618
Social Science Grades 11/12: AP Economics	<i>Krugman's Economics for the AP Course, 4th ed</i> Publisher: Bedford, Freeman & Worth	\$7,890
Social Science Grades 11/12: AP Psychology	<i>Psychology, 4th ed.</i> Publisher: Bedford, Freeman & Worth	\$28,082

Additional Materials:

Access to digital materials: [Social Science Preview Flier](#)

Recommendation: Staff will be recommending the adoption of the Social Science instructional resources at the April 23 Board meeting.

Suggested Motion: Action is not required at this time.