



# High School Social Studies Resource Proposal

February 2023  
(Contemporary Human Geography, Civics,  
U.S. History)

# New SD308 Curriculum Resource Selection Process



- Determine need for new resource
- Create budget for process and materials for the year
- Create curricular team(s) of admin and teachers to dive into standards and best instructional practices
- Select materials based on SD308 criteria
- Make collaborative decision
- Post materials for 30 days of community review
- Seek Board approval

# SD 308 Criteria



- Alignment to state standards
- Alignment with SD308 Equity Statements - many forms of diversity are represented; challenge stereotypes, supports student choice and relevant applications to a wide variety of student experiences and achievement levels
- Ease of differentiation including Special Education and English Learners Support for different types of lessons - whole group, small group, independent work; enrichment
- Focus on inquiry
- Embedded technology/digital availability
- Assessments: formative (check for understanding) and summative (check for mastery)
- Student and teacher friendly
- Support in creating lessons with critical thinking and application

# Why do we need new resources?



- **Contemporary Human Geography:** This new course replaces Modern World History for all 9th grade students
- **Civics:** Current resource was adopted in 2004
- **U.S. History:** Current resource was adopted in 2004

## Course Descriptions

# Contemporary Human Geography

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# Contemporary Human Geography Textbooks Considered

## Textbooks Considered

**Contemporary Human Geography -  
Pearson 5th edition - ISBN-  
13: 9780137631704**

**The Human Mosaic - Domosh - ISBN-  
13: 978-1429240185**

**Human Geography - Knox - ISBN-13:  
978-0321984241**

**World Geography-MyWorld  
Interactive ISBN-13: 9780328960262**

**Global Geography HMH ISBN-13:  
9780544927926**



## Textbook Selected

**Title: Contemporary Human  
Geography**

**Publisher: Pearson**

**ISBN-13 : 9780137631704**

**Students will receive physical copy of  
the textbook as well as a digital copy.**

# Contemporary Human Geography

## Reason for Selection



- Aligns with resource used for AP Human Geography
- Inquiry activities in each chapter
- Analysis of primary and secondary sources
- Application activities connecting current and historical events
- Excellent graphics and student friendly content

# Civics Curriculum Members



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# Civics Textbooks Considered



## Textbooks Considered

**Magruders Interactive - 2023 -  
Savvas**

**United States Government  
Government & Civics - McGraw  
Hill - ISBN-13: 9780079022899  
(2024 Version)**

**United States Government -  
Houghton Mifflin - ISBN-13/EAN:  
9780544742680**

## Textbook Selected

**Title: United States Government &  
Civics (2024 Edition)**

**Publisher: McGraw Hill**

**ISBN: 9780079022899**

# Civics

## Reason for Selection



- State government is imbedded in each chapter.  
Other editions have this as its own section.
- Inquiry journal and activities incorporated into curriculum
- Analysis of primary and secondary sources
- Digital versions allow teachers to customize assessments and worksheets
- Digital version also allows reading level to be adjusted if needed
- Excellent graphics and student friendly content

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# U.S. History Textbooks Considered



## Textbooks Considered

**US History Interactive - Savvas**

**US History, A Narrative History  
Volume 2 - McGraw Hill ISBN13:  
9781260705782**

**US History - McGraw Hill - ISBN-13:  
9780079023131**

**US History & Geography - ISBN 13:  
9780076681020**

**American History: Reconstruction to  
the Present - Houghton Mifflin - ISBN-  
13/EAN: 9780544669062**

## Textbook Selected

**Title: United States History  
Publisher: McGraw Hill  
ISBN: 9780079023131**

# U.S. History

## Reason for Selection



- Updated information through President Biden
- Inquiry activities throughout textbook
- Essential questions for units as well as customizable lesson plans to focus on skills rather than content only
- Provides ongoing opportunities to view events through a diverse lens
- Analysis of current events that compels students to engage in historical content

# Description of Decision Process



Curriculum Renewal Process began September 2021

Textbook selection process began September 2022

Final decision on textbook January 2023

Continued work on curriculum through May 2023

# Next Steps/Timeline

**February 27th:** Presentation to Board of Education

**February 28th:** Resource available to public at District Administration Center

**April 11:** BOE Meeting action item

**April 12-15:** Complete purchase

**May:** Resource available to teachers

# Questions?