



**2026-27 Letter of Understanding**  
Between  
**Grant Wood Area Education Agency and Iowa City Community School District**  
**VAST Center Science Curriculum for Open Sci Ed (OSE)**

**The purpose of the Letter of Understanding is to coordinate the services of GWAEA with local school districts in providing VAST Center Science Curriculum Resources.**

**Grant Wood Area Education Agency (GWAEA) agrees to:**

- replenish units for circulation
- establish and distribute a circulation schedule to district buildings
- maintain program inventory and determine purchasing needs
- communicate with area educators
- conduct required introductory professional learning for new teachers and teachers new to a grade level
- document training records
- maintain instructional materials at a high standard and keep them up to date
- assist educators in the appropriate implementation of science units
- provide access to the VAST Center staff through email, phone, etc.
- make available VAST Center infrastructure & experience
- provide access to additional teacher manuals at VAST Center negotiated discounted rate
- invoice the participating school district on or about April 15, 2027 for the 2026-27 program

**Iowa City Community School District will:**

- communicate the needed science kits for your district with VAST Center staff provide accurate staffing information
- notify VAST staff of any teaching assignment changes
- coordinate professional learning with the GWAEA Science Consultant before the unit is implemented with students. This could be achieved through attendance at a professional learning event or through contracting time with the consultant.
- reimburse Grant Wood AEA for damaged and/or missing items
- provide payment for use of the kits at the following rates on or before June 1, 2027.
  - **\$275.00 per requested middle school unit**
  - **\$190.00 per requested elementary unit**
  - See [linked document](#) for middle school OSE consumable replenishment costs

Please check box and sign:

- Our district agrees to the conditions outlined above.
- Our district will participate in OpenSciEd coaching and consultation for new users or attend OpenSciEd professional learning when available. Contact Maria Hasken-Averkamp at [mhasken-averkamp@gwaea.org](mailto:mhasken-averkamp@gwaea.org) to schedule dates.

**Iowa City Community School District Representative** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GWAEA Representative**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Please return to Carie Finnegan at [cfinnegan@gwaea.org](mailto:cfinnegan@gwaea.org) by February 1, 2026.\*\*\*



<b>School Name</b>	<b>K-5th Grade OSE Kits</b>	<b># of Additional Elem Sections</b>
Alexander Elementary	60	0
Borlaug Elementary	51	0
Coralville Central Elementary	41	6
Garner Elementary	39	3
Hoover Elementary	45	18
Horn Elementary	39	18
Kirkwood Elementary	27	9
Lemme Elementary	27	18
Lincoln Elementary	32	0
Longfellow Elementary	38	0
Lucas Elementary	36	0
Mann Elementary	25	0
Penn Elementary	60	0
Shimek Elementary	30	0
Twain Elementary	28	0
Van Allen Elementary	45	0
Weber Elementary	42	12
Wickham Elementary	35	2
Wood Elementary	36	0
Christine Grant Elementary	48	6
Northwest Jr High	0	0
North Central Jr High	0	0
Southeast Jr High	0	0
Center for Innovation	0	0



<b>School Name</b>	<b>K-5th Grade OSE Kits</b>	<b># of Additional Elem Sections</b>
Total	784	92
Fee	\$190.00	\$45.00
Total cost	\$148,960.00	\$4,140.00

**Fee for 2026-27 FOSS VAST Science Kits \$153,100.00**