



Updated 2025-26 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, 2026 for the 2025-26 program

Iowa City Community School District will:

- Participate in utilizing the VAST Center Science Curriculum Resources for Open Sci Ed (OSE) for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 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 GWAEA for damaged and/or missing items, if necessary
- provide payment for use of the kits at the following rates on or before June 1, 2026.
 - o **\$190.00 per requested elementary unit**

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 to schedule dates.

Iowa City Community School District Representative _____
Signature: _____
GWAEA Representative
Signature: _____

Please return to Carie Finnegan at cfinnegan@gwaea.org by February 1, 2026.



	K-5th Grade OSE Science Kits	K-5th FOSS Science Kits	# of Additional Elem Sections	6th Grade FOSS Kits
Alexander Elementary	1	59		
Borlaug Elementary		51		
Coralville Central Elementary	1	40	6	
Garner Elementary		39	3	
Hoover Elementary		46	17	
Horn Elementary	3	37	18	
Kirkwood Elementary		27	9	
Lemme Elementary		27	18	
Lincoln Elementary	3	31		
Longfellow Elementary	1	37	0	
Lucas Elementary		36	0	
Mann Elementary	3	23		
Penn Elementary		60		
Shimek Elementary		30		
Twain Elementary	4	22		
Van Allen Elementary		45		
Weber Elementary		42	12	
Wickham Elementary	3	32	2	
Wood Elementary		36		
Christine Grant Elementary		48	6	
Northwest Jr High		0	0	12
North Central Jr High		0		0
Southeast Jr High		0		0
Center for Innovation	2	0		
Total	21	768	91	12
Fee	\$190.00	\$160.36	\$38.84	\$160.36
Total cost	\$3,990.00	\$123,156.48	\$3,534.44	\$ 1,924.32
Fee for 2025-26 VAST Science Kits	\$132,605.24			