

**PHS & MHS  
History/Social Science  
Curriculum Adoption**

School Board Meeting, March 8, 2023

# Curriculum Adoption Process

- A. Data
- B. District initiatives
- C. Evaluation toolkit
- D. Pilot curriculum

# HSS PRIORITIES IN EVALUATING CURRICULUM

## **HISTORICAL THINKING SKILLS (ELOs)**

Cause & Consequence

Historical Perspective

Continuity & Change

Using Primary Sources

Historical Significance

Ethical Evaluation

# HSS PRIORITIES IN EVALUATING CURRICULUM cont.

## **STRENGTHENING OTHER ACADEMIC SKILLS:**

Note Taking

Close Reading

Developing arguments

Marshalling Evidence

Synthesizing Information

Providing Analysis

# Social Studies Texts Recommended for Adoption

Modern World History	<i>Savaas: World History, The Modern World</i>
US History	<i>TCl: History Alive! Pursuing Amer Ideals</i>
AP US History	<i>The American Pageant</i>
Civics	<i>TCl: Govt Alive! Power, Politics &amp; You</i>
Economics	<i>Impact: Principles of Economics</i>

# Modern World History

## *World History: The Modern World*

### Pros

- Engaging storytelling format
- Accurate and thorough
- Divided into easily digestible sections
- Variety of international perspectives

### Cons

- Online access challenging for some students
- Some questions in text were simple memorization rather than synthesis of information

# College Prep U.S. History: *History Alive!* *Pursuing American Ideals*

## Pros

- Accessible, story-like telling of history
- Thematic approach
- Breadth and depth
- Chapter summaries
- Extensive resources
- Online text in Spanish

## Cons

- Missing checks for understanding
- Lacks depth on issues such as LGBTQ+ history
- Lacks sophisticated, analytical online activities

# A.P. United States History: *The American Pageant*

## Pros

- Most used text for AP US History
- Detailed and specific
- Strong author voices
- Usable chapter lengths
- Many free online resources

## Cons

- Quantity of details and facts is sometimes overwhelming
- Requires close reading of challenging text
- DEI goals are not prioritized



# Civics: *Government Alive!* *Power, Politics, and You*

## Pros

- Readable, accessible chapters
- Good visuals
- Well-written, informative, thorough
- Wide range of content
- Interactive in-class activities

## Cons

- Assessment questions are surface level
- Lacks critical thinking skill development
- Lacks connection between content and students' lives

# Civics: *Constitutional Law* (Supplementary)

## Pros

- Engaging, well-organized enrichment materials
- Encourages critical thinking
- Connects Constitutional Law to students' lives
- Short, focused chapters
- Contemporary focus

## Cons

- Problem-based format asks for sophisticated analysis
- Requires teacher to facilitate nuanced classroom conversations
- Steeper learning curve for new teachers

# Economics: *Principles of Economics*

## Pros

- Multiple perspectives
- Greater representation of POC in images, examples
- More recent examples
- Readable narrative with analysis, application, examples

## Cons

- Supporting questions are basic
- Need to supplement for differentiation, DEIB, multiple perspectives

# Supplemental Resources

**The  
New York  
Times**

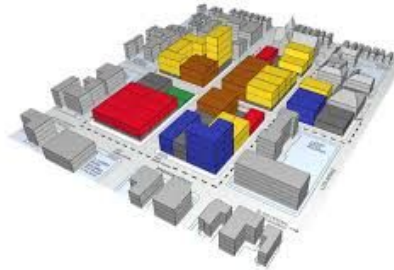
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# Any Board or Public Questions?

