

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Education Committee Meeting

June 21, 2021 6:45 p.m. Spellman Education Center Board Room

AGENDA

*	Approval of the May 10, 2021 Education Committee Meeting Minutes (see attached)	S. Tiernan
*	Approval of 3 rd Grade Social Studies Texts (see attached)	K. Barnello
*	Approval of Health and Safety Plan for 2021-2022 (see attached)	R. Sokolowski

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Committee Voting Item

Committee Protocol for Responding to Comments from the Public:

- 1. There will be a public comment period at the end of the meeting on agenda items only (Policy 903).
- 2. A community member will be called upon by the Committee Chair.
- 3. If the comment can be answered quickly, or can be answered in order to clarify information, someone will respond.
- 4. If a community member has a more detailed question about a topic, the committee chair may refer the person to the superintendent or appropriate administrator to make an appointment so the question can be answered in more detail.



WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Education Committee

May 10, 2021 Virtual Meeting Start: 6:30 PM – Finish: 7:06 PM

Attending Committee Members:	
🛮 Sue Tiernan (Chair), 🖾 Joyce Chester, 🖾 Daryl Durnell, 🖾 Kate Shaw	
Other Board Members:	
☐ Gary Bevilacqua, ☐ Brian Gallen, ☒ Karen Herrmann, ☒ Chris McCune, ☒ Rande Spackman	ell
Administration:	
🛛 Jim Scanlon, 🖾 Robert Sokolowski, 🖾 Sara Missett, 🖾 Tammi Florio, 🖾 Michael	
Wagman, 🔲 Dawn Mader, 🔀 Steve Werner	

Items on Agenda:

- Approval of the April 12, 2021 Education Committee Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Revised Board Policy 001 Name and Classification
- Approval of New Spanish Textbook Recommendation
- Approval of YMWIC West Chester Summer Experience Contract
- Update of New Supplemental Materials for ELD English Language Development Program
- Update of Glen Acres Elementary Kindergarten Merge to Fern Hill Elementary School Due to Renovation Schedule
- Update of Fern Hill Elementary School Principal Search

Education Committee Agenda Actions/Outcomes to be placed on May 26th Board Agenda for Board Approval:

Agenda Item	Vote
Approval of the Education Committee Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2021	4-0
Approval of Revised Board Policy 001 - Name and Classification	4-0
Approval of New Spanish Textbook Recommendation	4-0
Approval of YMWIC West Chester Summer Experience Contract	4-0

May 26th Board Consent Agenda Items:

Approval to Establish East HS Tri-M Music Honors Society

Policies and Administrative Guidelines for 2nd Reading Approval on the May 26th Board Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Revised Board Policy 247 Hazing
- Approval of Revised Board Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying
- Approval of New Administrative Guideline 247AG1 Hazing/Retaliation Report Form
- Approval of Administrative Guideline 249AG1 Bullying/Cyberbullying/Retaliation Report Form
- D. Items to be discussed at a later date: None

WCASD EDUCATION COMMITTEE

TO: Board of School Directors FROM: Sara M. Missett, Ed.D.

Dawn Mader

Tammi Florio, Ed.D. Robert Sokolowski, Ed.D.

Michael Wagman

SUBJECT: Education Committee Agenda for Monday, June 21, 2021

DATE: June 16, 2021

At the meeting of the Education Committee on Monday, June 16, 2021 two (2) agenda topics will be addressed. They are as follows:

3rd Grade Social Studies Texts: K. Barnello

Dr. Barnello will share a recommendation to purchase McGraw-Hill's Impact Social Studies for third grade. This inquiry-based program allows our students to delve into the overarching themes of our social studies curriculum. The physical and digital resources align to the PA Core standards and can be personalized by teachers to meet the needs of all students.

WCASD Health and Safety Plan for 21-22: R. Sokolowski

Dr. Sokolowski will review the WCASD Health and Safety Plan which will be effective June 28, 2021. The ARP-ESSER grant requires that this information be shared with the public and reviewed at least every six months.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

cc: Dr. Jim Scanlon, Superintendent

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINE

APPROVED: August 1, 2015

REVISED: July 19, 2018

108AG2 -CORE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SELECTION AND ADOPTION FORM

Committee Members: Kristen Barnello, Saanvi Bhatvia,	Donna Burgess, Jamie Capriotti, Kristen Cheney,				
Joyce Chester, Rebecca Eberly, Tammi Florio, Lauren Haugh, Morgan Jackson, Karisma Jaini, Erin Kane,					
Katie Kourakis, Alexis Kubovsak, Rebecca Lambert, Cindy Le, Dawn Mader, Ashley Melanson, Sara Missett,					
Wilni Pappillon, Ella Prieto, Amy Robinson, Malia Ann Salisbury Jones, Christine Sommer, Lisa Stoddard,					
Jackie Van Schooneveld, Gayatri Venkatesan, Deb Whitn Core Instructional Materials Considered:	nre, Sam Zang				
1) Savvas					
2) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt					
3) Social Studies.com					
4) McGraw - Hill					
Instructional Material(s) Being Recommended:					
Title: IMPACT Social Studies					
Author: Fisher, D.; Khan, N.; Valbuena, R; & Banks, J.					
Publisher: McGraw Hill	Latest Revision:				
List Price: \$71,183.93	Copyright Date: 2020				
Recommended for subject(s): Soc. St.	Grade(s): 3				
Recommended for students with high, average, low rea	ding ability: Yes				
Results of Committee Voting:					
8_Affirmative					
Comments:					
See Attached					
9_Negative					
Comments:					
See Attached					

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Below is the composite evaluation of the recommended materials by the CIM Selection and Adoption Committee. An explanation of the terms used follows the evaluation checklist.

CONTENT AND METHOD	EXC.	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	N/A
Theoretical foundation	3	7			2
Research-based Content	3	8			1
Standards-aligned	5	6			1
Learning Objectives	7	4		1	
Lesson Implementation/Preparation (for educators)	4	7			1
Tech integration	5	5	2		
Target Audience	3	6	3		
Reflection of Diversity	4	6	2		
Respect for Diversity	4	7	1		
Multiple Viewpoints	4	4	4		
Reading Level	3	5	3		1
Organization	4	5	2	1	
Style of material	5	6	1		
Instructions	5	6	1		
Activities	4	6	2		
Levels of Rigor	5	4	3		
Cost of implementation		X			

CONTENT AND METHOD

- 1. Theoretical Foundation: The material is based on current education and behavioral change theory and research. The theoretical underpinnings contained within the resources are described.
- 2. Research-based Content: The resources provide content that is research-based, accurate, and current.
- 3. Standards-aligned: The resources provide clear connections to the appropriate state and national standards
- 4. Learning Objectives: Includes clear, measurable learning and behavioral objectives. Objectives are clearly linked to theoretical underpinnings.

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- 5. Lesson Implementation/Preparation (for educators): Includes all the materials and information needed for implementing the lesson, acquiring support materials, and preparing for the class (including guidelines for lessons).
- 6. Tech-integration: The program offers interactivity that highlights various technologies.
- 7. Target Audience: Identifies the intended audience and is tailored to this audience.
- 8. Reflection of Diversity: Reflects the diversity of the intended audience. Includes multilingual handouts and educational reinforcements when appropriate.
- Respect for Diversity: Ideas and principles included in the materials respect all aspects of diversity.
- 10. Multiple Viewpoints: The materials present a balanced view of the topic, recognizing any aspects that are not yet clearly understood or open to debate.
- 11. Reading Level: All terminology is clear, correctly used and spelled throughout content. The materials are written at grade level which is appropriate for the intended audience.
- 12. Organization: Is logically and sequentially organized.
- 13. Style of material: Content displays evidence of understanding of principles of literacy and plain language (format, font, visuals, color, text construction, depth, detail, complexity).
- 14. Instructions: All instructions are easy to understand and follow.
- 15. Activities: Any activities used to reinforce the educational messages are practical to implement.
- 16. Levels of Rigor: The materials provide a means to offer students a varying level of rigor through differentiation.
- 17. Cost of implementation: Fiscally responsible pricing options exist.

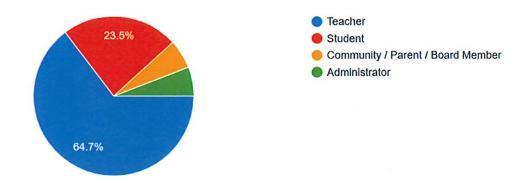
(Any other points of special merit or omissions may be given on a separate and attached page.)

Reviewed by:	Date:	Approved:	Disapproved:	Return to
				Committee
Superintendent			*	
Education Committee				
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Final Board Action:				

Attachment 1: Results of Committee Voting

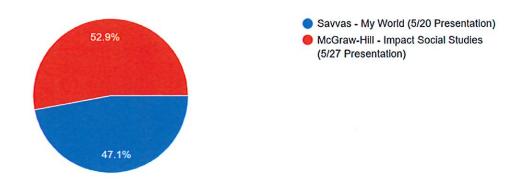
What is your role?

17 responses



What product do you think will be best for our 3rd grade students?

17 responses



^{**}NOTE: In this graphic, it should be noted that one participant selected "McGraw-Hill" in the drop down, however all comments from this member indicated that they intended to support the implementation of Savvas.

Votes by group:

	Students	Teachers	All Others
Savvas	3	6	0
McGraw Hill	1	5	2

Why do you think this is the best product for our students?

- Chunking of materials easily achieved digitally - Digital Textbook/Inquiry Journal are interactive (note taking, drag & drop etc.). - Assignment Sync and Grade Pass Back coming Summer 2021 - Time management support for teachers - Multiple text options: Online Current Events, Leveled Text Sets, Textbook - Research and inquiry focused

I believe the content form McGraw-Hill is stronger and offers more diversity and perspectives on different historical events which is always better for our students. I also think the content is more challenging and encourages more higher order thinking.

Its material was significantly more encompassing on an international level and provided students with multiple perspectives. McGraw Hill was very diverse and further touched on the culture and politics of nations beyond the United States, which I found to be good exposure for developing young minds whose societal views are being shaped by the information they are taught.

Their materials seem more comprehensive and reliable than Savvas. I love that the current events articles regularly update as well.

I really like the inquiry-based learning and how the projects are based off the Essential Question, strong literacy connection, Impact News (current events updated monthly), read aloud component. The graphic novel appearance will engage the students in their reading, as this is what many prefer as their independent reading texts.

I think the inquiry model that they use is powerful; the way the essential questions are engaging and spark civic mindedness. Purposeful diversity and inclusion from various lenses. Text to speech available for assessments. Current events updated frequently available in different grade bands.

From the Special Education lens, it really provides accommodations for all learners and visually more appealing and easier for students to navigate and use. It is also easier for the teachers to use as well.

I think that this is the best product for our students because of the following reasons:

- 1. Students can annotate directly in the inquiry journal while learning the material. This will help keep students engaged in what they are learning.
- 2. The organization of the program is user friendly.
- Students have access to articles in a magazine on the same topic, but with different reading levels. This allows the teacher/student to find what is needed in one place.
- 4. Each lesson explains the outcomes at the very beginning for the students.
- 5. The pictures and topics are current. Each chapter has a lesson "IMPACT today" which keeps students interested in what they're learning.
- 6. Each chapter has a section called, "People You Should Know" that contains a diverse group of people.
- 7. Each chapter has an Explore Words section at the beginning which would be helpful for our ELD and at-risk population.
- 8. IMPACT News high interest
- 9. There are opportunities for students to collaborate with one another throughout the chapters.

What concerns do you have about this product?

Just like any product, it needs to be supplemented.

McGraw Hill's content seemed to be at a higher reading level than some 3rd graders who are still developing language skills would be comfortable with. Furthermore, its content review sections may be tough for kids to understand, so strong teacher guidance in comprehending the material would be recommended if this was used in a classroom.

There are a lot of different parts to this product, and I worry that it will be overwhelming to third grade teachers who are also trying to learn and implement Fundations next year.

I am concerned that there is no choice for leveled materials to meet the needs of below or above grade level readers.

District will need to create a scope and sequence to best use this product since the given content minutes in the master schedule may not be enough to complete what they consider a daily lesson. That would be a concern with either product. The SAVAAS product has so many add ons that I feel will not be used to due time constraints and will overwhelm teachers.

Just making sure we are able to touch on all parts of the standards and curriculum objectives that may be missing along with representing an equal amount of diversity.

We would need to add what we currently use for studying ancient civilizations to the curriculum if we went with this program - chapter 3 would be the perfect place to start the unit. It provides much needed background knowledge and incorporates cultures around the world.



Grade 3

Our Communities Lexile Levels (520L – 820L) *

Research Companion – 780 ** IMPACT Explorer Magazine – 710 ***



Chapter	Article	Page(s)	Lexile
1	Paving the Way West	4	870L
1	Tornado Alley	6–7	790L
1	Facing Climate Change	8–9	800L
1	The Lake Effect	10–11	590L
2	The Hoover Dam	18–19	750L
2	Disaster!	22	780L
2	It's Dry Out There!	24–25	620L
2	Trashing the Ocean	26	600L
3	Then and Now: State Fairs	32–33	660L
3	An Unfair Law	36–37	700L
3	The World's Game	40	520L
4	Corn: King of Crops	48-49	740L
4	Rebuilding After Disaster	50-51	800L
4	In My Neighborhood	52	730L
5	Check It Out: Libraries	58-59	800L
5	Dolores Huerta: Speaking with Seven Tongues	60-61	640L
5	The Dog Wash	62-63	540L
6	Fresh from the Farmer	70–71	600L
6	Harvesting Pennies	76–77	760L

^{*} Within IMPACT Social Studies, the readability of the text in each grade is across a range of Lexile levels. This becomes what is understood to be an appropriate level of text complexity.

One of the aims of the IMPACT Explorer Magazine is to provide articles at different readability levels across all units. McGraw-Hill does not Lexile poems, songs, Infographics, or the graphic spreads. The Lexile index is designed for use with running text and standard writing practices—full sentences, paragraphs, etc. That being said, MetaMetrics (the company that identifies the Lexile levels) runs their analysis using their full set of tools on all the text, so the score provided is the average for all texts. McGraw-Hill conducts our analysis using what is available to us on a part of MetaMetrics's system.

Lexile is just one tool for assessing readability. Lexile levels are affected by sentence length and structure, vocabulary (of which higher-level academic vocabulary does affect a score), dates, and names.

^{**} For the Research Companion, this number indicates the average of all content within the Research Companion.

^{***} For the IMPACT Explorer Magazine, this number indicates the average of all content within the IMPACT Explorer Magazine. The detail that follows indicates the Lexile level for each individual article, where appropriate.



Grade 3 Inquiry Projects

Chapter 1

Understanding Your Community

In this project, you will work with a team to identify the features that make your community special. Then your team will use pictures, words, and maps to create a travel brochure about your community.

Chapter 2

Improving the Environment

In this project, you will think of a way to improve your community's environment. Then your team will create a plan for an improvement and present it to the class.

Chapter 3

Planning a Cultural Event

In this project, you will work with a team to create a plan for a holiday or festival your school could hold to celebrate the different cultures of your classmates.

Chapter 4

Community Time Line

In this project, you will work with a small group to create a time line showing the sequence of key events that played a role in the development of your community.

Chapter 5

Creating a Classroom Constitution

In this project, you will work with your class to create a classroom constitution that sets the rules everyone must follow to make your classroom a fair and safe community.

Chapter 6

Blogging About a Local Business

In this project, you will work with a small group to create a blog about a local business and describe how it helps your community.



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QUOTE PREPARED FOR:

SUBSCRIPTION/DIGITAL CONTACT:

West Chester Area Sch Dist 782 SPRINGDALE DR EXTON, PA 19341-2850 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 432589

CONTACT:

SALES REP INFORMATION:

Nancy Quinlan nancy.quinlan@mheducation.com (610) 986-5175

Section Summary		Value of All Materials	Free Materials	Product Subtotal
Impact Social Studies Grade 3		\$97,542.50	(\$32,219.00)	\$65,323.50
	PRODUCT TOTAL*	\$97,542.50	(\$32,219.00)	\$65,323.50
	ESTIMATED S&H**			\$5,860.43
	ESTIMATED TAX**			\$0.00
	GRAND TOTAL*			\$71,183.93

^{*} Price firm for 45 days from quote date. Price quote must be attached to school purchase order to receive the quoted price and free materials.

Comments:		

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS PROPOSAL WITH YOUR PURCHASE ORDER

SEND ORDER TO:

McGraw Hill LLC | PO Box 182605 | Columbus, OH 43218-2605

Email: orders_mhe@mheducation.com | Phone: 1-800-338-3987 | Fax: 1-800-953-8691

QUOTE DATE:

06/02/2021

ACCOUNT NAME: West Chester Area Sch Dist

EXPIRATION DATE:

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Product Description	ISBN	Qty	Unit Price	Free Materials	Line Subtotal
Impact Social Studies Grade 3					
IMPACT SS PENNSYLVANIA COMMUNITIES COMPLETE P/D STUDENT 6 YR SUB BUNDLE GRADE 3	978-1-26-432724-9	925	\$70.62	\$0.00	\$65,323.50
IMPACT SOCIAL STUDIES OUR COMMUNITIES TEACHER EDITION GRADE 3	978-0-07-691381-7	43	\$138.00	\$5,934.00	*Free Materials
IMPACT SOCIAL STUDIES OUR COMMUNITIES EXPLORER MAGAZINE TEACHING GUIDE GRADE 3	978-0-07-697908-6	43	\$84.00	\$3,612.00	*Free Materials
IMPACT SOCIAL STUDIES PENNSYLVANIA TEACHER CENTER 6 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION GRADE 3	978-1-26-432702-7	43	\$399.00	\$17,157.00	*Free Materials
IMPACT SOCIAL STUDIES PENNSYLVANIA CONNECTIONS GRADE 3	978-1-26-432343-2	43	\$12.00	\$516.00	*Free Materials
Professional Development					
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	SD0000001	2	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	*Free Materials

Professional Development Subtotal:

\$5,000.00 \$32,219.00 \$0.00

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CONTACT:

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Provisions required by Subscriber State law
ATTENTION: In our effort to protect our customer's data, we will no longer store credit card data in any manner within in our system. Therefore, as of April 30, 2016 we will no longer accept credit card orders via email, fax, or mail/package delivery. Credit card orders may be placed over the phone by calling the number listed above or via our websites by
visiting <u>www.mheducation.com</u> (or <u>www.mhecoast2coast.com</u>).
School Purchase Order Number:
Name of School Official (Please Print) Signature of School Official

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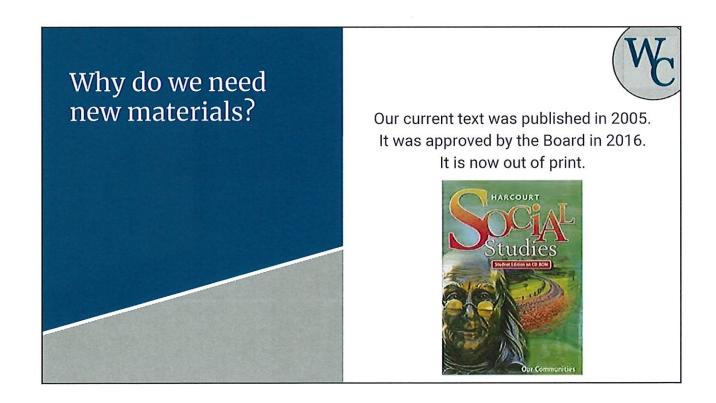
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3rd Grade Social Studies Core Instructional Materials Recommendation Dr. Kristen Barnello Dr. Rebecca Eberly



What do we teach in 3rd Grade Social Studies?

Trimester 1: Our Communities	Trimester 2: Studying the World Around Us	Trimester 3: Our Economy
Unit Essential Question: How can I be the best citizen in my communities?	Unit Essential Question: How does studying places around the world, both past and present, make us better citizens?	Unit Essential Question: How do economies work?
Recommended End of Unit Service Learning: Operation Patriotism (Veterans Day)	Recommended End of Unit Service Learning: The Water Project, UN World Water Day	Recommended End of Unit Service Learning: Alex' Lemonade Stand

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What do our students already know?

Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade
Play-Based learning Building our school community Conflict Resolution Concepts of Time Basic map skills Basic economic terms	Theme-Based Learning Different Communities Geographies of different places Our Nation - Symbols and People Economic Understanding	Building leadership capacity Public goods & services Timelines & Chronology People in the economy

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Our Evaluation Process

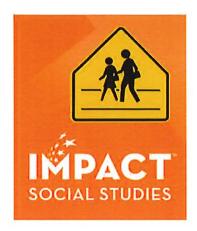
- Dr. Barnello reviewed approximately 10 different social studies products for consideration as our new 3rd grade Core Instructional Materials.
- 4 were selected to bring forth to our CIM Committee
 - ➤ The committee consists of District Administrators, Building Administrators, Teachers, Parents, Students, and Board representation.
- The committee met 4 times during the 2020-21 school year.
 - ➤ Meeting 1: January 27, 2021
 - Committee members used their demo accounts to access the 4 products and explore each in depth over the course of 10 weeks.
 - ➤ Meeting 2: April 13, 2021 Debrief and narrow down to two
 - Meeting 3: May 20, 2021 In depth look into Savvas
 - ➤ Meeting 4: May 27, 2021 In depth look into McGraw-Hill

Our Evaluation Criteria

- Current Essential Questions
- Technology Integration
- Readability / Accessibility for ALL learners
- Authenticity of history
- Cost of implementation

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Activities					
Levels of Rigor					
Cost of implementation					

Our Recommendation - McGraw-Hill: IMPACT



McGraw-Hill's Guiding Principles for IMPACT Social Studies:

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Language Learners IMPACTO is a fully parallel program, completely in Spanish
- Culturally Responsive Teaching
- Social-Emotional Learning

Our Recommendation - McGraw-Hill: IMPACT



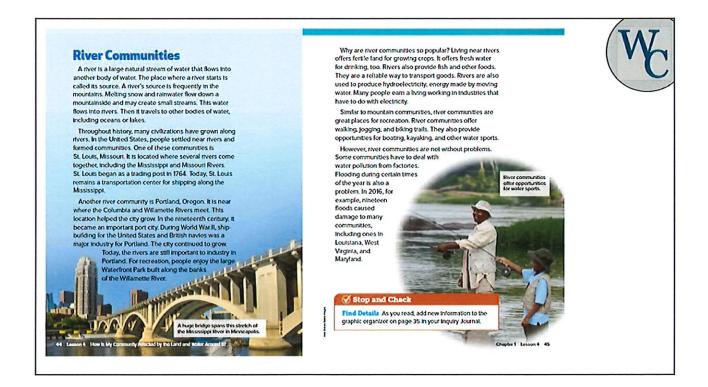
McGraw-Hill's Guiding Principles for IMPACT Social Studies:

- Inquiry model of learning
- Multiple Perspectives
- Literacy
- Global Perspective
- Citizenship
- Reading the Word to Read the World















Expert Panel of Authors



<u>Douglas Fisher, PhD</u> San Diego State Univ College of Educ



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Rebecca Valbuena, M.Ed. Glendora USD, CA NCSS Board Member



James Banks, Ph.D.
Univ of Washington
Ctr of Multicultural
Education

Committee Feedback

What we liked....

I think the inquiry model that they use is powerful; the way the essential questions are engaging and spark civic mindedness.

McGraw Hill had more content and more tools for teachers. They had multiple textbooks and workbooks, different learning plans for different time constraints, and more

The graphic novel appearance will engage the students in their reading.

From the Special Education lense, it really provides accommodations for all learners and visually more appealing and easy for students to navigate and use.

Concerns we have

Lessons jump from book to book – Many different resources to navigate.

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Next Steps

Pending Board Approval:

- Purchase materials 21-22SY Budget
 - ➤ App. \$72k
- Continue alignment work Summer Committees
- Professional Development
 - ➤ August 23, 24, Nov. 2
 - Access to McGraw-Hill's Online Teacher Support Center
- Implementation
- Ongoing support

Thank you for your continued support!



West Chester Area School District Health and Safety Plan 2021 - 22

This plan goes into effect June 28, 2021

Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting, and Ventilation

- Routine cleaning of any utilized spaces will be performed each afternoon.
 Additional cleaning will be implemented on an as needed basis.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be maintained in each entrance area, and students and staff will be encouraged to use them before entering the buildings.
- Water drinking fountains will continue to be turned off. Water filling stations will be available. Students and staff are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.

Safety Protocols

- Effective June 28 masks are optional, in accordance with the governor's order and Chester County Health Department recommendations. However, unvaccinated staff members and students are encouraged to wear a mask while indoors.
- Masks are optional for all West Chester Area School District activities.
- No sharing of snacks, pre-packaged snack bags preferred.
- Students will have assigned seats on the school bus.
- Visitors will be allowed on site by appointment only. Unvaccinated visitors are encouraged to wear masks.
- WCASD will follow social distancing, and contact tracing guidance as established by the Chester County Health Department.

Monitoring Student and Staff Health

- School nurses will follow CCHD guidance related to communicable diseases including <u>COVID-19</u>.
- Students and staff should report any exposures to COVID-19 or positive

- test results to the school nursing staff and/or to the coaching/athletic staff.
- The school district will maintain adequate personal protective equipment, for use by school nurses, when individuals become ill.

Social and Emotional Learning Plan

- Each building will develop an SEL goal based on a needs assessment conducted by the Chester County Intermediate Unit.
- Prevention Specialists will support the implementation of the SEL plan and adjust the plan based on progress monitoring of the goal.
- Mental health specialists are available in all buildings and can be accessed through the Multi-Tiered System of Supports team process.

Educational Delivery Model

- Parents have the option for full time, in-person learning.
- Parents have the option of participating in the West Chester Cyber Program.

Other Considerations

- Parents will be encouraged to conduct daily health screenings.
- The West Chester Area School District will adhere to any changes in guidance as recommended by the Chester County Health Department.
- The District will participate in any vaccination initiatives offered by the Chester County Health Department.



ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

Section 2001(i)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires each local education agency (LEA) that receives funding under the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan, hereinafter referred to as a Health and Safety Plan.

Based on ARP requirements, 90 percent of ARP ESSER funds will be distributed to school districts and charter schools based on their relative share of Title I-A funding in FY 2020-2021. Given Federally required timelines, LEAs eligible to apply for and receive this portion of the ARP ESSER funding must submit a Health and Safety Plan that meets ARP Act requirements to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) by Friday, July 30, 2021, regardless of when the LEA submits its ARP ESSER application.

Each LEA must create a Health and Safety Plan that addresses how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, and which will serve as local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. The Health and Safety Plan should be tailored to the unique needs of each LEA and its schools and must take into account public comment related to the development of, and subsequent revisions to, the Health and Safety Plan.

The ARP Act and U.S. Department of Education rules require Health and Safety plans include the following components:

- 1. How the LEA will, to the greatest extent practicable, implement prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning;
- How the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services;
- 3. How the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:

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- a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;
- b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);
- c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;
- d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;
- e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with State and local health departments;
- f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;
- g. Efforts to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to school communities;
- h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and
- i. Coordination with state and local health officials.

The LEA's Health and Safety Plan must be approved by its governing body and posted on the LEA's publicly available website by July 30, 2021.* The ARP Act requires LEAs to post their Health and Safety Plans online in a language that parents/caregivers can understand, or, if it is not practicable to provide written translations to an individual with limited English proficiency, be orally translated. The plan also must be provided in an alternative format accessible, upon request, by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Each LEA will upload in the eGrants system its updated Health and Safety Plan and webpage URL where the plan is located on the LEA's publicly available website.

The ARP Act requires LEAs to review their Health and Safety Plans at least every six months during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. LEAs also must review and update their plans whenever there are significant changes to the CDC recommendations for K-12 schools. Like the development of the plan, all revisions must be informed by community input and reviewed and approved by the governing body prior to posting on the LEA's publicly available website.

LEAs may use the template to revise their current Health and Safety Plans to meet ARP requirements and ensure all stakeholders are fully informed of the LEA's plan to safely resume instructional and non-instructional school activities, including in-person learning, for the current school year. An LEA may use a different plan template or format provided it includes all the elements required by the ARP Act, as listed above.

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* The July 30 deadline applies only to school districts and charter schools that received federal Title I-A funds in FY 2020-2021 and intend to apply for and receive ARP ESSER funding.

Additional Resources

LEAs are advised to review the following resources when developing their Health and Safety Plans:

- CDC K-12 School Operational Strategy
- PDE Resources for School Communities During COVID-19
- PDE Roadmap for Education Leaders
- PDE Accelerated Learning Thorough an Integrated System of Support
- PA Department of Health COVID-19 in Pennsylvania

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Health and Safety Plan Summary: West Chester Area School District

Initial Effective Date: June 29, 2021

Date of Last Review: June 28, 2021

Date of Last Revision: June 28 2021

1. How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

To the maximum extent practical, the LEA will follow guidance from the CDC and Chester County Health Department to reopen and operate school facilities for in-person learning continuously and safely.

In accordance with the governor's order, masks will be optional; however, unvaccinated visitors, staff members, and students are encouraged to wear a mask while indoors. Students and staff will maintain distancing requirements as much as possible. Hand sanitizer stations will be maintained in each entrance area; students and staff will be encouraged to use them before entering the buildings. Routine cleaning of any utilized spaces will be performed each afternoon. Additional cleaning will be implemented on an as needed basis. Water drinking fountains will continue to be turned off. Water filling stations will be available. Students and staff are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.;

2. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

Educational Delivery Model/Academics

- Parents have the option for full time, in-person learning
- Parents have the option of participating in the West Chester Cyber Program

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Plan

- Each building will develop an SEL goal based on a needs assessment conducted by the Chester County Intermediate Unit.
- Prevention Specialists will support the implementation of the SEL plan and adjust the plan based on progress monitoring of the goal.
- Mental health specialists are available in all buildings and can be accessed through the Multi-Tiered System of Supports team process.

Student Health and Food Services

• The District will participate in the United States Department of Agriculture

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(USDA) pandemic flexible meal programs. These programs are available free of charge for each child in the household up to age 18. The Programs include:

- Summer Feeding Program weekly meals distributed at a meal pick up location through August 25th.
- Return to School Program Beginning August 30, 2021, daily breakfast and lunch will be available at the school for students attending in-person instruction and the weekly meal pick up will continue for families not attending WCASD in person instruction.
- 3. Use the table below to explain how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;	Effective June 28 masks are optional, in accordance with the governor's order and Chester County Health Department recommendations. However, unvaccinated visitors, staff members, and students are encouraged to wear a mask while indoors. Masks are optional for all WCASD activities.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	WCASD will follow physical and social distancing guidance as established by the Chester County Health Department.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;	Hand sanitizer stations will be maintained in each entrance area; students and staff will be encouraged to use them before entering the buildings.
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;	Routine cleaning of any utilized spaces will be performed each

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e. Contact tracing in combination wit	_
<u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and lo health departments;	cal guidance as established by the Chester County Health Department.
f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;	Parents will be encouraged to conduct daily health screenings.
	School nurses will follow CCHD
	guidance related to
	communicable diseases
	including <u>COVID-19</u> .
	Students and staff will report
	any exposures to COVID-19 or
	positive test results to the
	school nursing staff and/or to
	the coaching/athletic staff.
	The school district will maintain adequate personal protective equipment, for use by school nurses, when individuals become ill.
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to</u> <u>school communities</u> ;	The District will participate in any vaccination initiatives offered by the Chester County Health Department.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with resp to health and safety policies; and	Individual accommodations related to health and safety will be included in documents as deemed necessary by the IEP and 504 teams.

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i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	The West Chester Area School District will adhere to any changes in guidance as recommended by the
	Chester County Health Department.

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Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on (**INSERT DATE: MONTH, DAY, YEAR**).

The plan was	s approved by a vote of:
	_ Yes
	_ No
Affirmed on:	(INSERT DATE: MONTH, DAY, YEAR)
Ву:	
(Signature* c	of Board President)
(Print Name	of Board President)

*Electronic signatures on this document are acceptable using one of the two methods detailed below.

Option A: The use of actual signatures is encouraged whenever possible. This method requires that the document be printed, signed, scanned, and then submitted.

Option B: If printing and scanning are not possible, add an electronic signature using the resident Microsoft Office product signature option, which is free to everyone, no installation or purchase needed.

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WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Education Committee

To: Board of School Directors

From: Tammi Florio, Ed.D

Dawn Mader

Sara M. Missett, Ed.D Robert Sokolowski, Ed.D

Michael Wagman

Date: June 21, 2021

Re: Consent Agenda Items for June Board Approval

Unless we hear otherwise, the following will appear under the Education Committee as consent items for the June 21, 2021 School Board agenda:

1. Approval to Establish the following Account(s):

- Mary C. Howse ES Field Trip Fund
- Fugett MS Future City

2. Approval of the following Field/ExcursionTrip(s):

• East-Henderson HS – France-Italy, Tues-Fri 6.21.22-7.1.22

3. Approval of Revised Board Policy 001 - Name and Classification, Second Reading

• Approval of Revised Board Policy 001 - Name and Classification, Second Reading

If after reviewing this information you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bob Sokolowski at 484-266-1016.



WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH ACCOUNT

Submit 3 copies to the Director of Secondary Education for submission to the Board.

Date: May 5, 2021	Check appropriate box: Student Activity Account (Fund 50)
Building: Mary C Howse ES	Trust Account (Fund 51)
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Name of Account: TEK IND t	70110
State the purpose for which this account is intend	ed:
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List Source(s) of revenue:	
Field trip Funds From	n Parents& PTO.
List types of expenses to be incurred:	
Busses, admission	setc
How long do you plan to keep this account active:	indfinitely
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Student Officer's Signature	Student Officer's Name Printed
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Faculty Sponsor's Signature	Faculty Sponsor's Name Printed
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Principal's Signature	Signature of Director of Secondary Iducation
This request was: APPROVED	CATION ACTION DISAPPROVED
by the Board of Education at their meeting held or	n: Meeting Date
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Board Secretary's Signature	Date

1 copy Director of Secondary Education, 1 copy returned to Principal, 1 copy to Business Office

625-AG-1. STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS

Form A-Application to Establish Account

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL	DISTRICT
APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A	CCOUNT
Submit 3 copies to the Director of Secondary Education	for submission to the Board.
Date: 4/30/21 Check	appropriate box: Student Activity Account (Fund 50)
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WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

APPROVED: August 1, 2015 REVISED: December 14, 2017

121AG1 Application for Approval of Study, Excursion, and Extracurricular Trips and Approval of Bus Transportation

Proposal 🗵 New Trip	Request		☐ Trip Revis	ion Request		☐ Trip Cancellation Request	
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June 28,2021 Consent Agenda



Book Policy Manual

Section 000 Local Board Procedures

Title Name and Classification

Code 001

Status Second Reading

Adopted August 1, 2015

Last Reviewed November 24, 2014

Name

The Board of School Directors shall be known officially as the Board of School Directors of West Chester Area School District, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Board".[1]

Composition

West Chester Area School District is comprised of all lands that lie within the municipal boundaries of West Chester Borough and the surrounding townships of East Goshen, West Goshen, East Bradford, West Whiteland, Westtown, and Thornbury in Chester County, as well as Thornbury Township in Delaware County.

Purpose

West Chester Area School District is organized for the purpose of providing a program of public education to serve the needs of the students of the West Chester Area School District. [2][3][4][5]

Intermediate Unit

West Chester Area School District is assigned to Chester County Intermediate Unit No. 24.[6][7]

Classification

West Chester Area School District is classified as a school district of the 2nd class or as defined by state law.[8]

Address

The official address of the Board of School Directors of West Chester Area School District shall be 829 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380 782 Springdale Drive, Exton PA 19341.

- 1. 24 P.S. 201
- 2. PA Const. Art. III Sec. 14
- 3. 24 P.S. 501
- 4. 24 P.S. 502
- 5. 24 P.S. 503
- 6. 24 P.S. 901-A
- 7. 24 P.S. 902-A
- 8. 24 P.S. 202