

Maine 207 - New Textbook Approval

2017 - 2018 School Year

Department	Title	Cost	Digital or print?	Rationale for Replacement	Description of Selection Process
Foreign Language	Thèmes (AP French Language and Culture)	\$17.50 annually for 6 years	Digital	This book is broken down into the six AP themes that the AP French Language and Culture Exam focus on, as well as additional sub-categories. It has many authentic resources, in terms of listening and reading. This book would also allow me to continue the product-based learning approach that I have been using with my upper-level classes. Going further than just the AP test, this book asks students to go beyond just learning vocabulary and conjugating verbs; it asks students to use the language in a way that proves they understand how it is used.	The teacher spoke at length with a colleague who uses the Spanish version of this text book for his Spanish 5 AP courses. The colleague has been very pleased with the resource. It is also the only book that was researched that breaks down the chapters based on the AP themes and their sub-categories. By having the categories available to them, the students will become very familiar with what they will be asked to do on the AP test. It is very important that the E-book be broken down into the different themes and sub-categories of the AP test because that is what is going to prepare them the most.
Mathematics	Precalculus with Limits: A Graphing Approach (7th Edition)	\$23.84 annually for 6 years	Digital	It is an updated version of our current textbook that includes an e-version, which the current book does not have.	The teacher requested about a dozen different Precalculus textbooks from publishers to choose from. She looked for a textbook that included the Precalculus and Trigonometry topics to be covered as well as the beginning topics of AP Calculus. Most textbooks sent did not include AP Calculus content, so the list was narrowed to 3 different textbooks. The updated version of our current book proved to be the most readable for students. It also provided more supplementary materials than any of the other textbooks.”
Science	HMH Biology 2017 edition	\$25 for 1 year	Digital	“We have been using the Pearson Biology online resource for the last 4 years. We have had numerous technical glitches with the online platform and have found that the way the text is written does not match with how we are teaching the course. The HMH Biology text has information presented in a way that students can access information about a particular topic, which allows you to use the text in any order rather than	A team of six teachers and the department chair reviewed several ebook options together. Our criteria was to find a resource with a high readability, easy online access, and engaging online supplemental resources that worked with the Chromebook.

				proceeding in the chapter order of the book. Also, the online resources that accompany the text are very useful and work well on the Chromebook. We feel that it will be a better fit to our needs. We have used other Holt digital products with no problems in the past for our other science courses.”	
Science	Campbell BIOLOGY in Focus 2nd Edition, AP Edition with MasteringBiology with Pearson eText	\$25.50 annually for 6 years	Print + Digital	This program fully covers the College Board’s AP biology Curriculum Framework and is supported by a wealth of teacher and student materials. The authors have focused on the key content and supported it with clear explanations and effective figures. The book highlights five basic themes that run through all areas of biology: evolution, energy and matter, information, interactions, and organization.	Several different resources, both print and electronic, were reviewed by the AP Biology teachers and the department chair. The most important criteria was the alignment to the AP exam and the clear content and figures found in the textbook.
Social Science	Discovering World Geography	\$13.45 annually for 6 years	Digital	This textbook is geared towards middle school readers. All students in World Cultures Transitional are reading below grade level. It will be a readable resource for students as they investigate the cultures and geography of the world.	
Social Science	Geography: The Human and Physical World	\$13.29 annually for 6 years	Digital	This textbook is geared towards students reading at the high school level, which all students in World Cultures are meeting. The resource will help students investigate the cultures and geography of the world. The digital platform has note-taking and highlighting capabilities for students, as well as an audio component. Additionally, there are videos, interactive maps and primary sources that can be used with the students.	
Social Science	The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography	\$24.41 annually for 6 years	Print + Digital	This is the most widely used textbook for the AP Human Geography course. It mirrors the requirements for the College Board curriculum.	The two teachers who will likely teach the AP Human Geography course received various textbooks that were recommended to them by current AP Human Geography teachers. They then evaluated the resources.
English	V For Vendetta	\$19.99	Print	Regarded as a graphic novel masterpiece for both art and story, V for Vendetta by Alan Moore depicts a dystopian and post-apocalyptic near-future history version of the United Kingdom in the 1990s, preceded by a nuclear war in the	English teachers vetted various award-winning texts. This text has been determined to serve as a course text because of its popularity with students as well as applicability to the course, which needed a classic, anti-hero text.

				<p>1980s which had devastated most of the rest of the world. V urges his fellow citizens to rise up against tyranny and oppression. As Evey uncovers the truth about V's mysterious background, she also discovers the truth about herself -- and emerges as his unlikely ally in the culmination of his plot to bring freedom and justice back to a society fraught with cruelty and corruption. The Comics Journal ran a poll on "The Top 100 (English-Language) Comics of the Century" and V for Vendetta reached 83rd place. To be used in a literature circle format, the novel gives both excellent written and visual story in order for students to create effective discussion-worthy questions. The focus of which will be the individual student interpretation of the text and how and why the novel shows the characteristics of our study of the anti-hero. According to the School Library Journal, V for Vendetta is rated for Grade 9 and up and stated, "this book would work well in a school setting; and while there is some slight nudity and violence, they fit well within the frame of the story."</p>	
English	Batman: The Dark Knight Returns	\$19.99	Print	<p>Batman: The Dark Knight Returns by Frank Miller won the Kirby Award (an award for achievement in graphic novels) in 1987. Forbidden Planet placed the issue at number one on its "50 Best of the Best Graphic Novels" list and it was placed second in a poll among comic book academics conducted by the Sequart Organization. The book tells an alternative story of Bruce Wayne, who at 50 years old returns from retirement to fight crime and faces opposition from the Gotham City police force and the United States government. To be used in a literature circle format, the novel gives both excellent written and visual story in order for students to create effective discussion-worthy questions. The focus of which will be the individual student interpretation of the text and how and why the novel shows the characteristics of our study of the anti-hero. All of this provides opportunities for critical discussion, of course, ranging from what distinction remains (if any) between Batman and the criminals he battles, and to the dangers of a figure such as Superman rather literally following "the American way" (regardless of its direction). According to the</p>	<p>English teachers vetted various award-winning texts. This text has been determined to serve as a course text because of its popularity with students as well as applicability to the course, which needed a classic, anti-hero text.</p>

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English	Childhood's End	\$7.99	Print	Without warning, giant silver ships from deep space appear in the skies above every major city on Earth. Manned by the Overlords, in fifty years, they eliminate ignorance, disease, and poverty. Then this golden age ends--and then the age of Mankind begins, if a bit ominously. From recent film productions such as Arrival, to classic contemporary books such as this one, Science Fiction readers and writers have always been interested in what it would be like to meet with a fantastic, extra-terrestrial "other." This is a contemporary classic fiction piece that is taught in many area high schools. It addresses the ideas of otherworldly visitors and human evolution which are central to the course. The book is appropriate for Seniors, as stated by Common Sense Media, which recommends it to ages 14+.	English teachers selected this book and the MCC approved it because of the quality of writing; applicability to course content; and the high interest text for students. Alignment with the Science and Literature course objectives was fundamental to this book's selection.
English	More than Human	\$14.02	Print	This novel features a unique tri-une organism with amazing powers, offering an fantastic and mind-bending view of the next step of human evolution, including such powers as telekinesis and antigravity thoughts. This is a contemporary classic fiction piece that is taught in many area high schools. It addresses the ideas of power, morality, and human relationships which are central to the course. Winner of the Hugo, Nebula, and International Fantasy Awards.	English teachers selected this book and the MCC approved it because of the quality of writing; applicability to course content; and the high interest text for students. Alignment with the Science and Literature course objectives was fundamental to this book's selection.
English	The Sirens of Titan	\$9.52	Print	Kurt Vonnegut takes a wry look at time travel and space journey in his characteristically post-modern style. This is a contemporary classic fiction piece that is taught in many area high schools. It addresses the ideas of space, time, morality, and the purpose of human life which are central to the course. Common Sense Media has this book recommended for ages 13+, so it will be appropriate for the seniors who will be reading it.	English teachers selected this book and the MCC approved it because of the quality of writing; applicability to course content; and the high interest text for students. Alignment with the Science and Literature course objectives was fundamental to this book's selection.
English	War of the Worlds	\$5.95	Print	Without warning, giant silver ships from deep space appear in the skies above every major city on Earth. Manned by the Overlords, in fifty years, they eliminate ignorance, disease, and poverty.	English teachers selected this book and the MCC approved it because of the quality of writing; applicability to course content; and the high interest text for students. Alignment with the

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English	The Science of Star Wars	\$15.95	Print	This course will focus on the relationship between science and science fiction, often focusing on the question, "Is this possible?" This non-fiction book answers many of those questions, taking common motifs and technology from science fiction, such as space travel and high tech weapons, and examining the science behind the elements of science fiction.	English teachers selected this book and the MCC approved it because of the quality of writing; applicability to course content; and the high interest text for students. Alignment with the Science and Literature course objectives was fundamental to this book's selection.
English	The Physics of the Impossible	\$11.99	Print	This fascinating work of non-fiction explores the advances in technology that are leading to rapid changes in medicine, transportation, education, and a host of other sectors of American and world society.	English teachers selected this book and the MCC approved it because of the quality of writing; applicability to course content; and the high interest text for students. Alignment with the Science and Literature course objectives was fundamental to this book's selection.
English	On Writing	\$11.90	Print	Stephen King's stylistic memoir of the writing life features and exploration of technique and ethos. This is required reading in many area high schools.	English teachers selected this book and it was approved by the English MCC because it directly applies to the Advanced Placement English course and development of students as writers. Additionally, the style of writing is highly engaging and is expected to lead to deeper understanding and better writing on the part of students.
English	The Elements of Style	\$9.95	Print	This book is a foundational writing textbook for writing with style and required reading in many high schools and colleges. It is a high quality, useful work for students to support their development as writers, which is why it is so popular, and it will also be a great support for our students as they develop as writers.	English teachers selected this book and it was approved by the English MCC because it directly applies to the Advanced Placement English course and development of students as writers. Additionally, the style of writing is highly engaging and is expected to lead to deeper understanding and better writing on the part of students.
English	The Elements of Grammar	\$14.40	Print	This book is a foundational writing textbook for writing correctly and effectively, and it is required reading in many high schools and colleges. It is a high quality, useful work for students to support	English teachers selected this book and it was approved by the English MCC because it directly applies to the Advanced Placement English course and development of students as writers.

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English	Ugly	\$11.89	Print	This example of Young Adult Fiction (YAF) addresses themes common to the adolescent experience. Content is in keeping with developments in the field of YAF. From the School Library Journal: "This memoir, set in Australia, is a heartbreaking account of being born and living with severe physical deformities. As a child, Hoge was in general healthy, but his mother initially did not want to keep him because of his appearance—he was born with mangled legs and a large tumor in the middle of his face. Doctors predicted that surgery might kill him. Nevertheless, they proceeded with several operations to 'fix' Hoge in the hopes they would help improve his life...VERDICT: This empowering story will reach even the hardest of hearts. Recommended for its message of tolerance and acceptance." Starred review in Publisher's Weekly. This is a supplemental book for literature circles.	English teachers selected this book, and it was approved by the English MCC because this book features both the literary elements that the course is teaching to students and is a highly engaging, up-to-date modern text that fits the age and interests of students in the Reading 1 & 2 courses.
English	Booked	\$11.89	Print	This example of Young Adult Fiction addresses themes common to the adolescent experience. This is a novel in verse that centers on a middle school soccer player who struggles with his family going through a divorce, school bullies, and middle school romance. There are a couple of fistfights, name-calling, and instances of racial insults. Common Sense Media has rated this book for students ages 10 and up. Content is in keeping with developments in the field of YAF. This is a supplemental book for literature circles.	English teachers selected this book, and it was approved by the English MCC because this book features both the literary elements that the course is teaching to students and is a highly engaging, up-to-date modern text that fits the age and interests of students in the Reading 1 & 2 courses.
English	Boy21	\$7.00	Print	This example of Young Adult Fiction addresses themes common to the adolescent experience. Content is in keeping with developments in the field of YAF in that it deals with the themes of hardship, grace, grit and perseverance. This book has been recommended for age 12+ by Common Sense Media, and the content is geared toward teen readers so it should be relevant and interesting. This is a supplemental book for literature circles.	English teachers selected this book, and it was approved by the English MCC because this book features both the literary elements that the course is teaching to students and is a highly engaging, up-to-date modern text that fits the age and interests of students in the Reading 1 & 2 courses.

English	The Night Gardener	\$7.16	Print	This example of Young Adult Fiction addresses themes common to the adolescent experience. Content is in keeping with developments in the field of YAF. Common Sense media suggests that the book is appropriate for ages 10+ and that themes and message have value for teen readers, with some violence but no instances of otherwise mature content. This is a supplemental book for literature circles.	English teachers selected this book, and it was approved by the English MCC because this book features both the literary elements that the course is teaching to students and is a highly engaging, up-to-date modern text that fits the age and interests of students in the Reading 1 & 2 courses.
English	Bless Me, Ultima	\$7.20	Print	Common Sense Media states this is appropriate for ages 12+ but that it handles interesting and morally ambiguous content. Some reviews create a rationale for the text: "This marvelous book sold more than 300,000 copies essentially on word-of-mouth recommendation after it was published in 1972, and is now often required reading in school. It would be a mistake to call it an "ethnic" novel -- one of interest primarily to Latino readers. Like To Kill a Mockingbird, it has universal appeal as a story that brings to life a time, place, and customs chiefly from the point of view of a child. BLESS ME, ULTIMA is both lyrical and realistic, has many positive messages, and deals with extremely weighty and important issues."	English teachers selected this book, and it was approved by the English MCC because it is a seminal work of Young Adult Fiction from among those written by Latino/a authors, and this book is to be used in the Latino-American Authors course.
English	So Far from God	\$12.41	Print	This is a choice novel for Seniors. This is a funny novel and delightful read. It is also a novel loaded with magic realism and with native superstition, and one wonders if, while delivering so much superstition, the characters are not slightly demeaned by attending to so much of it. Age appropriateness had not been clearly established for this novel on Common Sense Media.	English teachers selected this book, and it was approved by the English MCC because it was written by a Latino/a author and features many of the literary elements and devices that are often times thematic of such works. This book is to be used in the Latino-American Authors course.