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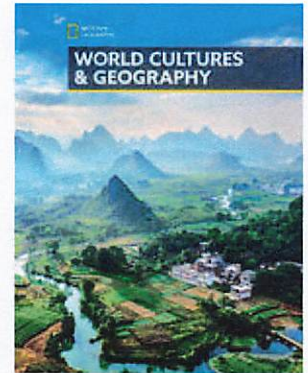
Proposal for New High School Curriculum: World Cultures (New Social Studies Elective)

Summary:

This proposal introduces a new high school curriculum for World Cultures by National Geographic designed to enhance student learning in various cultures around the globe and current world geography. Aimed at grades 9-12, this new Social Studies elective engages students and equips them with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate our interconnected world.

Rationale:

As education evolves, it is crucial to offer courses and provide students resources that align with modern academic demands. Because this is a new course, we are not replacing a textbook. Rather, this is the first of its kind. The proposed curriculum brings the world into the classroom with a focus on critical thinking, map skills, and global citizenship.



Textbook of Choice:


The Social Studies team has selected *National Geographic World Cultures and Geography, Third Edition* as their textbook. In their professional opinion, this text is superior to others they considered in disciplinary content, ease of use for teachers, and accessibility for a wide range of learners.

Key Features of National Geographic World Cultures and Geography, Third Edition:

- Teachers really like the interactive online website that comes with this text.
- The text contains stunning photography, detailed maps, and captivating storytelling.
- This resource contains 12 units covering: North America, Central America & The Caribbean, South America, Europe, Russia & The Eurasian Republics, Africa South of the Sahara, Southwest Asia & North Africa, South Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asia, Australia, and The Pacific Realm & Antarctica.

Implementation & Costs:

The team has indicated that they would like textbooks in print, along with access to the digital student platform. The teacher will have both print and digital resources for planning purposes. Additionally, this is a fairly low cost request due to the fact that we plan to run one section of a semester course one time annually. To successfully launch this curriculum, the following resources are required:

- 6 Year License (due to the low cost)
- Materials and Resources: Estimated Total Cost: **\$3,531.00** (6 yr)
-  World Cultures and Geography print and digital_V1.pdf

Conclusion:

By adopting *National Geographic's World Cultures and Geography Curriculum*, we will enhance student engagement, provide critical skills for future success, and maintain our commitment to academic excellence. We respectfully seek the Board's approval to implement the National Geographic curriculum in the upcoming academic year.