New Kensington-Arnold School District
RFP Number: NKASD2026 – Comprehensive K–12 Science Curriculum

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INTRODUCTION

The New Kensington-Arnold School District (District) desires to purchase a comprehensive Science curriculum for grades K–12.

The District will use a combination of grant funding and general fund resources to support this adoption.

The District serves approximately 2,100 students across four school buildings in Westmoreland County. This RFP covers all grade levels K–12 and is intended to ensure **full alignment with the Pennsylvania STEELS Science Standards** (Science, Technology & Engineering, Environmental Literacy & Sustainability).

School Sites:

- Roy A. Hunt Elementary School – ~700 students (Grades 3–6)
- H.D. Berkey Elementary School – ~375 students (Grades K–2)
- Martin Elementary School – ~225 students (Grades K–2)
- Valley Junior-Senior High School – ~750 students (Grades 7–12)

DISTRICT CONTACT

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SCOPE OF PROPOSAL

Science Program, Grades K–12
The District seeks a comprehensive K–12 Science program that:

- Fully aligns with the **PA STEELS Science Standards** and three-dimensional learning (Science & Engineering Practices, Crosscutting Concepts, Disciplinary Core Ideas).
- Provides **print and digital instructional resources** across K–12 (elementary through advanced placement).
- Supports **hands-on labs, inquiry, engineering design, and field-based learning experiences**.
- Includes **digital simulations, virtual labs, and assessment platforms**.
- Offers **progress monitoring, diagnostics, and data dashboards** for teachers and administrators.
- Incorporates **career connections** in STEM fields, with resources for middle and high school pathways.
- Provides **professional development** for teachers and administrators.

Vendors should provide fixed per-item pricing. Multi-year proposals will be considered.

ORDER AND DELIVERY TIMEFRAME

Vendors must specify delivery and implementation timelines once an order is finalized.

RFP TIMEFRAME

All proposals must be submitted by **3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2026** to:

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Proposals received after the submission deadline will not be accepted.

PROPOSAL AWARD/REJECT
The District reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal in its sole discretion. Non-responsive proposals or those that fail to meet requirements will be disqualified.

PRICING

Vendors must submit itemized pricing that includes:

- Teacher editions and resources (K–12).
- Student textbooks and consumables.
- Lab kits, hands-on equipment, safety materials.
- Digital subscriptions and online platforms.
- Assessments (formative, benchmark, and summative).
- Professional development.
- Delivery and handling fees.

Discounts and multi-year pricing options should be identified.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION
Vendors must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies of their proposal. Proposals submitted by telephone or facsimile will not be accepted.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated on:

- **Financial**: Overall cost, value, and savings.
- **Technical Capability**:
    - Standards alignment (STEELS, Keystone Biology/AP).
    - Program quality, rigor, and scope.
    - Hands-on and digital integration.
    - Accessibility and support for diverse learners.
    - Data and reporting systems.
    - Professional development.

VENDOR INFORMATION REQUIRED

- **Executive Overview** – Summary of proposed program, key features, and advantages.
- **Vendor Background/History** – Years in business, experience with K–12 science adoptions.
- **Organizational Structure** – Customer service, technical support, PD support.
- **Industry Experience** – Prior STEELS-aligned curriculum adoptions.
- **Customer References** – At least three comparable K–12 or district-wide science adoptions.

USE OF SUBCONTRACTORS

Vendors must disclose any subcontractors for product delivery, training, or technical support.

GENERAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS

- Contracts must be executed by **June 15, 2026**.
- Provider's proposal and this RFP will be included as contract exhibits.
- Any exceptions to terms and conditions must be clearly noted.

PA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT

Vendors must comply with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, Act 222 of 1955, as amended.

DISPUTES/CLAIMS

All disputes will be governed by Pennsylvania law, with jurisdiction in Westmoreland County.

APPENDIX A – Proposed Materials, Grades K–12 Science

- Teacher editions (K–12, course-specific).
- Student textbooks/consumables.
- Lab kits for biology, chemistry, physics, earth/environmental science.
- Elementary science kits (hands-on investigations, engineering design).
- Safety equipment (goggles, gloves, aprons, storage).
- Digital subscriptions (teachers, students, administrators).
- Assessment resources (diagnostic, benchmark, PSSA/Keystone-aligned).
- Online simulations and virtual labs.
- Keystone Biology/AP preparation materials.
- AP/Capstone science course supports.
- Professional development (onsite preferred; virtual acceptable).
- Technical support and customer service.