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

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INTRODUCTION

The New Kensington-Arnold School District (District) desires to purchase a comprehensive Social Studies 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 applies to **all grades K–12**, ensuring vertical alignment to the **Pennsylvania Academic Standards for History, Civics & Government, Geography, and Economics**, as well as integration of literacy and inquiry practices.

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

Social Studies Program, Grades K–12

The District seeks a Social Studies program that:

- Aligns fully with the **Pennsylvania Academic Standards** in History, Civics & Government, Geography, and Economics.
- Provides **print and digital instructional resources** for K–12.
- Emphasizes **civic literacy, historical thinking skills, and inquiry-based learning**.
- Integrates **primary and secondary source analysis, document-based questions, and project-based learning**.
- Provides explicit preparation for **state assessments, AP U.S. History, AP Government, AP Human Geography, and AP Economics**.
- Includes **resources for culturally relevant pedagogy** and multiple perspectives in history and social sciences.
- Offers **digital subscriptions, adaptive assessments, and reporting dashboards**.
- 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 (K–12).
- Student textbooks and consumables.
- Supplemental readers (primary sources, leveled texts).
- Digital subscriptions (teachers, students, administrators).
- Assessment tools (formative, benchmark, summative).
- Professional development costs.
- Delivery and handling fees.

Discounts and multi-year pricing options should be included.

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

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated on:

- **Financial**: Cost, value, and savings.
- **Technical Capability**:
    - Standards alignment (PA Social Studies Standards).
    - Program quality, rigor, and scope.
    - Integration of print and digital resources.
    - Accessibility for diverse learners.
    - Assessment and reporting features.
    - Professional development and support.

VENDOR INFORMATION REQUIRED

- **Executive Overview** – Summary of proposed program, key features, and advantages.
- **Vendor Background/History** – Years in business, prior social studies adoptions.
- **Organizational Structure** – Customer service, technical support, PD structure.
- **Industry Experience** – Relevant K–12 social studies adoption experience.
- **Customer References** – At least three comparable district-wide adoptions.

USE OF SUBCONTRACTORS

If subcontractors are used for training, delivery, or technical services, they must be identified in the proposal.

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 Social Studies

- Teacher editions, K–12 (elementary through AP).
- Assessment resources (diagnostic, benchmark, PA standards aligned, AP).
- Student textbooks/consumables.
- Leveled primary source readers and supplemental text sets.
- Civics and citizenship resources.
- Economics and financial literacy modules.
- Inquiry-based learning activities.
- Document-based question (DBQ) resources.
- Digital subscriptions (students, teachers, administrators).
- Online assessments and performance tasks.
- AP and Capstone preparation resources.
- Professional development (onsite preferred; virtual acceptable).
- Technical support and customer service.