Online K-12 Curriculum Review Report and Recommendation
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Background:

The Curriculum Review Committee was set up to review new curriculum providers for implementation for the 2020-21 academic year. All team members were provided the opportunity to evaluate and provide feedback on rubrics consisting of measures created by the team.

The Curriculum Review Committee Members:

Oscar De Jesus, Project Administrator
Erin Smith, Director of Online Learning

Rubric Review Team:
Crystal Villegas, Elementary School Teacher
Erin Thomson, Middle School Teacher
Joyce Popelar, Elementary School Teacher
Jennifer Tatum, Middle School Teacher
Kari Watt, Elementary School Teacher
Katherine Hooper, Elementary School Teacher
Karen Houle, English Language Support Coordinator
Kristen Winter, High School Teacher
Lynn Woodley, High School Teacher
Monique Grimes, Elementary School Teacher
Shannon Davis, High School Teacher
Sarah Eagleton, Elementary School Teacher
Sharon Rosen, Social Studies Teacher
Terrasa McGuire, Middle School Teacher
Andrea Lomeli, Middle School Teacher
Elaine Amari, High School Teacher
Karen Lewers, High School Math Teacher

Platforms Evaluated:

K12
Strong Mind
Accelerate Education
APEX
Edgenuity

Performance:

Members were asked to evaluate each potential vendor based on their preferred category within our rubric structure. Each ranked items on a scale of 1 to 4, with 1 being

"Never" or "Not Evident" and 4 being "Extremely Evident" or "Always." Reviewers are also given space in which to write comments and are encouraged to be as thorough and detailed as possible to ensure that decision makers have access to a comprehensive evaluation when selecting a curriculum provider. Below is a summary of the rubric results, the highest ranking vendor was Accelerate Education with the exception of Karen Houle and Lynn Woodley.

K-5 Results:

GRAND TOTALS (AVERAGE)	K12 Score (Grades K-5)	StrongMind Score (Grades 6-12)	Accelerate Score (Grades K-12)	Edgenuity Score (Grades K-12)	Apex Learning (Grades 6-12)
Kari Watt	2.434165683	NA	2.966894923	2.232575758	NA
Sarah Eagleton	2.482802418	NA	2.96017316	not submitted	NA
Joyce Popelar	2.505262947	NA	3.187363717	2.38542769	NA
Katie Hooper	2.547369297	NA	3.454194275	3.12170954	NA
Monique Grimes	2.642625838	NA	3.507871295	3.068826564	NA
Crystal Villegas	2.731614464	NA	3.558158848	not submitted	NA
TOTAL AVERAGES	2.557306774	NA	3.272442703	2.702134888	NA

6-12 Results:

GRAND TOTALS (AVERAGE)	K12	StrongMind Score (Grades 6-12)	Accelerate Score (Grades K-12)	Edgenuity Score (Grades K-12)	Apex Learning (Grades 6-12)
Jennifer Tatum	NA	2.56283333	2.994949495	2.72993827	3.126315

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Erin Thomson	NA	1.505254154	3.732683983	2.618253968	3.192640693
Terrasa McGuire	NA	1.668310463	3.732683983	2.70968254	3.213613972
Andrea Lomeli	NA	1.744741533	3.561974585	2.9228739	3.354545455
Lynn Woodley	NA	2.203928571	3.153030303	2.900714286	3.384782609
Sharon Rosen	NA	1.694232238	3.401196842	2.945951108	2.957139674
Kristen Winter	NA	1.597629521	3.788265306	2.68537415	3.155026455
Shannon Davis	NA	1.477192134	3.600854101	3.027787528	3.084766585
Elaine Amari	NA	1.789004914	3.766421079	3.286805556	3.41821274
Karen Lewers	NA	1.613159588	3.699285714	2.612244898	3.190561224
Karen Houle	NA	2.78270202	3.349884438	3.252324974	3.471930512
TOTAL	NA	1.876271679	3.525566348	2.881086471	3.231775973

Pricing:

Proposals are based on approximate numbers provided to each vendor:

K-5 127

MS 166

HS 268

Vendor	Estimated Curriculum Fees for 2020-21
Accelerate Ed	**K-5:** Content, Hosting and Support $449 (we would like to request the purchase of workbooks for our K-5 program during Year 1

adoption).

• Full Time Seat Licenses include up to 6 courses / Per Student / Per Semester for the academic school year

o Students with more than 6 courses per semester will incur Individual Course fees

• Once a student completes or drops, the Full Time Seat License is open for another student

• Physical Materials not Included (Workbooks are $17 each, 4 needed per course per semester)

6-12:

Grades 6-12 Full Time Seat Content, Hosting and Support $279

• Full Time Seat Licenses include Orientation & Internet Safety and up to 7 courses / Per Student / Per Semester for the academic school year

o Students with more than 7 courses per semester will incur Individual Course fees

• Once a student completes or drops from a Full Time Seat, the Full Time Seat License is open for another student

• Physical Materials not Included

• School branded login page and logo within LMS included

• IDEAL Learning Library and CMS Edit is included if hosted by AE

• CMS Training is required if CMS Edit is elected

• Admin Training is required

• Courses can be ported to Clients Canvas LMS

Training:

Teacher Training (onsite- possibly considering at retreat:$2,500

Teacher Training Virtual (suggesting for Summer School): $600

Admin Training Virtual (required before teacher training): $300

CMS Editing Training Virtual (takes place after adoption): $300

Volume Discounts:

>200 seats: 10%

>500 seats: 15%

>2,000 seats: 20%

Additional 10% for 3 year agreement (I'm proposing just 1 year at first)

Grades 4-12 ELA Novels: awaiting details from AE-- required books will need to be purchased

AP Course Materials: awaiting details from AE-- required books will

	need to be purchased
Apex	Base Unit Price $250 but discounted to $100 PD $1,500 Based on 500 enrollments for $51,500
Edgenuity	Pathblazer K-5 Math and ELA $75 per seat Odyssyeware K-5 Science and Social Studies $70 per seat Courseware 6-8 Core and Electives $300 Courseware 9-12 Core and Electives $375

Recommendation:
Our final recommendation is for Compass Charter Schools to cancel our existing partnership with K12 and StrongMind and pursue Accelerate Education for grades K-12 Online for the upcoming 2020-21 school year.

Along with a unanimous voice from teachers on the curriculum and LMS capabilities and features, Accelerate Education has two-way integration through Agilix-Buzz and School Pathways (Edgenuity did but Apex did not). Our hope in having one curriculum provider for all grades K-12 online is to provide a consistent, all in one platform that all teachers and scholars will benefit from with a more teacher-guided approach with access to a vast assortment of reporting features and top of the line curriculum.

Although many teachers and families are comfortable with K12, I feel that AE will provide more engagement with K-5 families as well as more oversight and academic support on behalf of the teachers to help increase state testing scores and ensure we are meeting our LCAP goals. With the minimal support we get from K12 and the potential for continued miscommunication between K12 and our CCS families, I would like to see us leave K12 completely. Ultimately, this will ensure a truly personalized education with abilities to support the needs of each and every online scholar.