



Memorandum

To: J.J. Lewis, Superintendent & CEO
From: Aviva Ebner, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent & Chief Academic Officer
Date: June 25, 2022
RE: Proposal for Adoption of Freckle as Core Curriculum for Options; Options A-G Google Classrooms for Science grades 9-12

Item Requested: Confirmation by the Board of Directors to adopt Freckle Math, ELA (Reading), and Social Studies grades K-12, Freckle Science for grades K-8, and Compass Charter Schools' self-authored A-G Science Google Classrooms for grades 9-12 as our core curricula for the 2022-23 school year.

Purpose: These subscriptions provide access for Options scholars to core curricula for Math, ELA, and Social Studies grades K-12; Science grades K-8; and, Science grades 9-12, to ensure sufficiency for compliance with the Williams Settlement.

Background Information: Our Online scholars have access to core curriculum through Accelerate Education courses. However, our Options Learning scholars' families may select from a wide variety of curricula. Due to the recent slowdown in mail delivery time and the individual needs of every scholar, it is potentially possible for a scholar to start the first day of school without every core content area curriculum in hand. In order to be compliant for sufficiency with the Williams Settlement, it behooves Compass Charter Schools to adopt easily accessible core curricula that would be available from the first day of school and that could also, as scholars receive their order shipments, be used for reinforcement of concepts and/or supplemental curricula.

Currently, Compass scholars have access to Freckle Math and ELA/Reading through our existing contract with Renaissance, which is also the company with which we contract for our benchmark assessments. Freckle also has standards-aligned core curricula for Social Studies, grades K-12, and Science, grades 9-12. Our existing A-G Google Classrooms contain core curricula, most notably in the area of project-based, standards-aligned high school science courses. By officially acknowledging these offerings as our core curriculum for Options Learning scholars, we ensure compliance with the Williams Settlement regarding core curriculum access.

Cost: We already have Freckle Math and ELA (Reading), so no additional cost is incurred for those subject areas. The cost of adding Freckle Social Studies and Science for a 2-year subscription is \$42,144. There is no cost for providing access to the Options A-G Science Classrooms for all Compass Options Learning high school scholars.



Recommendation: Even though we are a personalized learning program, due to unforeseen potential delays in curriculum delivery, it is recommended that Compass officially adopt standards-aligned Freckle as our core curriculum for Math, ELA, Social Studies for grades K-12 and Science for grades K-8; furthermore, it is recommended that we adopt our Options A-G Google Science Classrooms as our core curriculum for grades 9-12. This will ensure sufficiency for core curriculum compliance with the Williams Settlement.