



Memorandum

To: Lisa Fishman, Chief Operations Officer and The Compass Charter Schools Board of Directors

From: Janae Smith, Director of Online Learning

Date: May 15, 2023

RE: Proposal for 2023-24 Accelerate Education Online Curriculum

Item Requested: 1-year contract for the 2023-24 Accelerate Education Online Curriculum

Purpose: This contract provides access to the Accelerate Education (AE) learning management system (LMS) that includes the AE online curriculum. This online curriculum is utilized by the Online K-12 scholars for their primary, standards-based curriculum and for Options High School scholars to complete up to 3 online courses to earn credits towards graduation.

Background Information: Through a thorough curriculum audit and pilot conducted during the 2019-20 school year and continued informal curriculum audits during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, AE continues to provide a common-core aligned, standards-based online curriculum that meets the needs of scholars at Compass Charters. Accelerate Education also reviews the courses and updates many courses each year to ensure that content continues to meet grade level standards, the course is user-friendly and includes accessibility functionality, and is relevant to scholar learning. Through updates within the system, Online teachers can continue to personalize learning through various customization (features that even include customization for a single scholar) for alignment with Compass' mission and vision. Further, to meet our Local Control and Accountability goal, LCAP 1.1b, AE provides scholar access to core curriculum aligned to Common-Core standards. Research supports that familiarity with an online learning system supports scholar success, so continuing to use this system will be a benefit to our scholars (Darby & Lang, 2019).

In addition to the LMS, AE also provides physical workbooks that help enrich the curriculum and provide additional hands-on learning opportunities for scholars in grades K-5. The Online K-5 team collected and analyzed data to determine the efficacy of these workbooks and the impact on scholar academic achievement. The team determined that there was a continued need to provide the English/Language Arts and Math workbooks through AE to provide this additional learning for scholars in grades K-5.

Along with the LMS, AE provides on-demand and live, synchronous professional learning through their year 2+ Implementation/PD package that provides teachers and administrators



training and support to further personalize learning for scholars. This professional learning also ensures that the teachers and administrators are current on the recommended best practices from AE to implement the online curriculum to the fullest extent. .

Cost: The cost of Accelerate Education for the 2023-24 scholar year is \$158,478.75.

Recommendation: I recommend to continue to use and implement the AE LMS for the Online Learning Department. The continued use and implementation will meet the Online learning needs of Compass scholars.

Please see the Accelerate Education Quote

References:

Darby, F. and Lang, J. (2019). Small teaching online: Applying learning science in online classes. Wiley & Sons.