

**Carroll County Public Schools**  
**Approval of Textbooks and Instructional Materials**  
**School Year 2022-2023**

**Subject Area: Career and Technology Education**

Title	Author	Grade(s)	Subject	Yes	No	Did Not Review	Comments
Auto Collision Repair and Refinishing, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ed.	Michael Crandell	11-12	Collision Repair	19	0	6	This text is extremely well organized, overloaded with photos, graphics, and diagrams to visually show all topics. Lots of diversity in photos, especially a healthy representation of females in the field. Love the summaries, review questions, and ASE prep questions at the conclusion of each section. Copyright 2022, so definitely up to date.
CompTia Security+ Exam Guide, 6 <sup>th</sup> Ed.	Dr. Wm. Arthur Conklin, Dr. Gregory White, Chuck Cothren, Roger L. Davis, Dwayne Williams	11-12	CISCO Programs	19	0	6	A very comprehensive text on Cyber Security. Overwhelming number of topics and information but with a copyright of 2021, should be up to date.
Fundamental Concepts and Skills for the Patient Care Technician	Kimberly Townsend Little	12	Academy of Health: Patient Care Technician	21	0	4	Comprehensive text, great visuals and text, content organization.  Beautifully composed text with wonderful visual components. Love the thought-provoking case scenarios scattered throughout. Appreciate the chapter dedicated to understanding the patient as a person.  Text features and organization aid the presentation of material. Each chapter included the learning objectives, key terms, a chapter summary which had a case scenario, and review questions.

**Subject Area: English / Language Arts – Middle School**

Title	Author	Grade(s)	Subject	Yes	No	Did Not Review	Comments
Blended	Sharon M. Draper	8	ELA	18	4	3	PENDING APPROVAL BY BOARD AT A FUTURE DATE  <del>Even if this story doesn't apply to a child, a child can gain insight into what other kids may be going through. Hopefully it leads to having a loving, compassionate attitude towards others. No one ever really knows what someone else is experiencing in life.</del>

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							<p>A wonderful book about a girl making her way through middle school while grappling with her identity as a biracial daughter of a divorced couple with shared custody. Great themes of belonging and resilience.</p> <p><del>I personally feel as if this novel violates items 2, 3, and 5 [of the Criteria]. I find this novel to be racially divisive, as it teaches our children that one group is advantaged in current time and the other is disadvantaged because of their skin color. Beginning on pages 38-39, the 11-year-old protagonist's father confirms to her that "The world looks at black people differently. It's not fair but it's true." After this, throughout the novel, the main character and others experience a hate crime, racial profiling, and even eventually a 100% unprovoked situation of police brutality when the 11-year-old is shot. In the end, the character is elated to find that she has made the top of the BLM list.</del></p> <p><del>Blended started off well, but quickly went off course, clearly showing an agenda that cops are bad and target the black community. This is not a helpful message to promote and while students should be free to read this book on their own time, it should not be assigned reading within the classroom, especially when there are so many other books to choose from.</del></p>
The Lions of Little Rock	Kristin Levine	7-8	ELA	22	0	3	<p>I believe it is very important for children to learn how to love others regardless of unfair circumstances. This book not only shows how to stand up for what's right, but that we can love each other regardless of our differences.</p> <p>Historically accurate, engaging novel. Good examples of friendship. Some swearing, but I do not personally feel as if it is too much for the age group.</p> <p>A good middle grade book on the underserved topic of passing during segregation. Love the themes of friendship and perseverance throughout.</p> <p>Historical fiction set in 1958 with two girls, one black and one white, becoming fast friends. The story shares how their friendship survives segregation and the beginning of integration.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community standards for language content – 2. Because it's historical fiction set during the period of school segregation and integration, the language is typical of that period.</li> <li>2. Appropriate, accurate (reflective of integration) – 3.</li> <li>3. Accurate, appropriate recognition of minorities and ethnic groups – 3.</li> <li>4. Technology – N/A.</li> <li>5. Historically appropriate stereotype-free presentation – 3.</li> </ol> <p>At the end of the book, there are open-ended discussion questions.</p>

## Subject Area: English / Language Arts – High School

Title	Author	Grade(s)	Subject	Yes	No	Did Not Review	Comments
Educated: A Memoir	Tara Westover	11-12	AP Language & Composition	18	3	4	A mature novel with an interesting theme of choosing for yourself to be educated and aware of the world after living a childhood of isolation. A terrific selection for AP.
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	J.K. Rowling	9	English 9 – Level 6 and Level 1 – Hero's Journey Unit	23	0	2	I think this is a great choice for a ninth-grade Hero's Journey unit. So many kids read this series in elementary school and likely miss some of the underlying themes / content as a result.  Harry Potter is popular and loved for a reason – it is an engaging and accessible text for kids. Incorporating more contemporary and popular texts for the Hero's Journey is important as so many students struggle with the difficult language in classics.
Homegoing	Yaa Gyasi	11-12	English 11/12 AP Literature	18	2	5	An intense and superb novel following two half-sisters on two different life paths during Colonialism. A great independent option, especially for AP Lit.
Kindred	Octavia Butler	11-12	English 11/12 AP Literature	20	2	3	A classic science fiction novel exploring the long reaching effects of slavery. A text with mature language as well as some slurs, but I think this is appropriate for 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> graders.  Read halfway through this book. Very compelling genre.  Kindred was just weird, and not the greatest book to choose from. What about a book like <i>The Help</i> ?
Kindred – Graphic Novel Adaptation	Octavia Butler, Damian Duffy (Adapter)	11-12	English 11/12	18	1	6	I would expect kids will like this book. Very accessible.  A terrific adaptation with quality visuals as a supplemental or companion to the original novel.  Kindred also has an audiobook version that can be checked out of the CCPL system. I appreciate that this book comes in 3 different forms (traditional, graphic novel, and audiobook) because it increases user accessibility for students of all reading levels and learning abilities.

## Subject Area: Health Education – Middle School

Title	Author	Grade(s)	Subject	Yes	No	Did Not Review	Comments
Lifelines Prevention, Grades 5-12, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed., Book and DVDs	Maureen Underwood LCSW, John Kalafat, PhD	6-8	Health	23	1	1	I think it is very important to teach children to be compassionate towards others. This gives children the tools to help others and even themselves. I very much approve.  As a fan of Sources of Strength, I think this media is great to address suicide prevention.

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							Comes with digital handout files and a DVD of videos. Comprehensive, structured. Builds knowledge and skills to prevent suicide. Presents an acronym (FACTS) for problem solving the issue of suicide.

### Subject Area: Health Education – High School

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Lifelines Prevention, Grades 5-12, 2nd Ed., Book and DVDs	Maureen Underwood LCSW, John Kalafat, PhD	9-12	Health 1 Health 2	23	1	1	<p>I think that this is a good resource to support health teachers to navigate a difficult subject and focus on prevention.</p> <p>Comes with digital handout files and a DVD of videos. Comprehensive, structured. Builds knowledge and skills to prevent suicide. Presents an acronym (FACTS) for problem solving the issue of suicide.</p>

### Subject Area: Science – High School

Title	Author	Grade(s)	Subject	Yes	No	Did Not Review	Comments
AP Edition Physics for Scientists and Engineers: A Strategic Approach, 5 <sup>th</sup> Ed.	Randall D. Knight	11-12	AP Physics C	22	1	2	<p>A very large and overwhelming text that is beautifully laid out and organized. I love the chapter previews and chapter summaries. It's full integration with Schoology is a huge bonus.</p> <p>No comment on content or instructional aspects of this book; my comment is on the physical size of the book. As our high school students have 1-to-1 laptop access, it seems reasonable that a book this size be digital or have a digital component to reduce the size. If this book will be used for 5-10 years, it will be more utilized with a digital component.</p>

### Subject Area: Social Studies – High School

Title	Author	Grade(s)	Subject	Yes	No	Did Not Review	Comments
World History Interactive: The Modern Era	Elisabeth G. Ellis, Anthony Esler	11	World History	21	0	4	<p>An impressive text with terrific supplemental materials. Agree with the sentiments of a bias toward western view of world history; but would still recommend.</p> <p>Thank you for selecting a book that incorporates digital technology.</p>