

Culturally Relevant Curriculum

Supplementary Material – Justification form

Purpose:

To ensure that the expanded Culturally Relevant classes have access to the textbooks identified in the updated CR curriculum maps and middle school CR teachers can pilot some of the middle school textbooks selected for their CR courses.

Justification:

The Department recommends the acquisition of these additional titles in response to the expansion of Culturally Relevant classes and feedback from participating teachers. Some of the books are new and have been selected to address concerns noted by Dr. Jacqueline Jordan Irvine, the outside expert who have been reviewing the curriculum maps. Others are books, such as *Rain of Gold*, that have been used in the schools for years but were purchased before the district began implementing stricter controls. In either case, the titles are aligned with the themes identified in the district's updated curriculum maps.