

# USD #377 Atchison County Community Schools News Release



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### Social Studies Books and Materials Selected use in District Classes

During the December meeting, the USD #377 Board of Education approved the adoption of new social studies textbooks and instructional materials for K-12 classes. The board accepted the recommendation of the district's curriculum council in accepting proposals from publishers *Scott-Foresman* for K-6 materials and *Prentice Hall* for 7-12 materials. Also approved was the purchase of Kansas history books from *Gibbs-Smith* publishers.

Included in the adoption are instructional materials such as workbooks, lesson plans, teacher editions, study guides, organizers, atlases, DVD's, CD Rom's, videos, transparencies etc., that are provided by the bid-winning publishers at no cost to the district. The total value of all books and instructional materials included in the adoption is \$86,108.67.

The total cost to the district for K-12 books and materials was \$40,070.38. By completing the textbook selection process before the first of the year, rather than the more traditional spring, USD#377 was able to save 25-30%, compared to making the same purchase after the first of the year.

Social studies department chairperson, Cy Wallisch, was recognized by the school board at their January meeting for his fine work in leading the K-12 adoption process. The social studies materials adopted include:

Grade	Textbook Series and Instructional Materials
Kindergarten	<i>Here We Go- Big Books</i>
1st	<i>All Together: Big Books</i>
2nd	<i>People and Places</i>
3rd	<i>Communities</i>
4th	<i>Regions</i>
5th	<i>The United States</i>
6th	<i>The World</i>
7th	<i>World Explorer: People, Places and Cultures</i> <i>A Kansas Journey</i>
8th	<i>America: A History of our Nation</i>
9th	<i>World Geography: Building a Global Perspective</i>
10th	<i>World History</i>
11th	<i>America: Pathways to the Present</i>
12th	<i>Magruder's American Government</i> <i>Economics: Principles in Action</i>