

ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION 2015-16 COMPREHENSIVE
SCIENCE TEXTBOOK REVIEWS – GRADES 3-5



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Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: STEMscopes Online

Text/Module Name: STEMscopes Online/Student – Grade 3

Publisher: Accelerate Learning

Grade Level: Third Grade

Edition: 1st Copyright Year: 2015

Final Overall Alignment Score: 3.30

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)

Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: Interactive Science, Grade 3

Text/Module Name: Grade 3, Student Edition plus 6 year digital license

Publisher: Pearson Scott Foresman

Grade Level: Third Grade

Edition: 2nd Copyright Year: 2016

Final Overall Alignment Score: 2.8

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)

Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: Building Blocks of Science®: A New Generation, The Science and Technology Concepts Program™ (STC Program™)

Text/Module Name: BBS: Forces and Interactions, BBS: Life in Ecosystem, BBS: Weather and Climate Patterns, STC: Motion and Design Publisher, STC: Animals Studies,

Publisher: Carolina Biological Supply Company (CBSC)

Grade Level: Third Grade

Edition: 1st Copyright Year: 2014 Edition: 3rd Copyright Year: 2013

Final Overall Alignment Score: 2.67

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)

Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: Discovery Education Science Techbook

Text/Module Name: Discovery Education Science Techbook for Alabama Grade 3

Publisher: Discovery Education, Inc.

Grade Level: Third Grade

Edition: 3rd Copyright Year: 2013

Final Overall Alignment Score: 2.52

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)

Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: Foss NG Kits

Text/Module Name: Foss Structures of Life, Foss Water + Climate,

Publisher: Delta Ed.

Grade Level: Third Grade

Edition: NG Copyright Year: 2015

Final Overall Alignment Score: 2.74

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)

Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: Exploring Science Grade 3 Class Set

Text/Module Name: Exploring Science Grade 3 Student Set

Publisher: NGL

Grade Level: Third Grade

Edition: 1st Copyright Year: 2015

Final Overall Alignment Score: 3.45

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)

Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: Interactive Science, Grade 4

Text/Module Name: Grade 3, Student Edition plus 6 year digital license

Publisher: Pearson Scott Foresman

Grade Level: Fourth Grade

Edition: 2nd Copyright Year: 2016

Final Overall Alignment Score: 2.85

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)

Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: STEMscopes Online/Student - Grade 4

Text/Module Name: STEMscopes

Publisher: Accelerate Learning

Grade Level: Fourth Grade

Edition: 1st Copyright Year: 2016

Final Overall Alignment Score: 3.56

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)

Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: Discovery Education Science Techbook

Text/Module Name: Discovery Education Science Techbook for Alabama Grade 4

Publisher: Discovery Education, Inc.

Grade Level: Fourth Grade

Edition: 1st Copyright Year: 2015

Final Overall Alignment Score: 3.54

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)

Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: Foss Kit NG

Text/Module Name: Foss Environments, Foss Soil Rocks + Landforms, Foss Energy

Publisher: Delta Ed.

Grade Level: Fourth Grade

Edition: NG Copyright Year: 2015

Final Overall Alignment Score: 3.24

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)

Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: The Science and Technology Concepts Program™ (STC Program™)

Text/Module Name: STC: Electric Circuits, STC: Microworlds, STC: Rocks and Minerals

Publisher: Carolina Biological Supply Company (CBSC)

Grade Level: Fourth Grade

Edition: 1st Copyright Year: 2014

Final Overall Alignment Score: 3.49

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)

Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: Exploring Science Grade 4 Class Set

Text/Module Name: Exploring Science Grade 4

Publisher: NGL

Grade Level: Fourth Grade

Edition: 1st Copyright Year: 2015

Final Overall Alignment Score: 2.63

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)

Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: Exploring Science Grade 5 Class Set

Text/Module Name: Exploring Science Grade 5

Publisher: NGL

Grade Level: Fifth Grade

Edition: 1st Copyright Year: 2015

Final Overall Alignment Score: 2.72

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)

Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: Building Blocks of Science®: A New Generation, The Science and Technology Concepts Program™ (STC Program™)

Text/Module Name: BBS: Matter and Energy in Ecosystems, BBS: Structure and Properties of Matter, BBS: Earth and Space Systems, STC: Chemical Tests, STC: Ecosystems

Publisher: Carolina Biological Supply Company (CBSC)

Grade Level: Fifth Grade

Edition: 1st Copyright Year: 2014 Edition: 3rd Copyright Year: 2013

Final Overall Alignment Score: 3.06

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)

Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: STEMscopes Online/Student

Text/Module Name: STEMscopes Online/Student – Grade 5

Publisher: Accelerate Learning

Grade Level: Fifth Grade

Edition: 1st Copyright Year: 2015

Final Overall Alignment Score: 3.60

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)

Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: Foss NG Kits

Text/Module Name: Foss Earth and Sun, Foss Mix + Solutions

Publisher: Delta Ed

Grade Level: Fifth Grade

Edition: NG Copyright Year: 2015

Final Overall Alignment Score: 2.54

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)

Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: Interactive Science, Grade 5

Text/Module Name: Grade 5 Student Edition plus 6 year digital license

Publisher: Pearson Scott Foresman

Grade Level: Fifth Grade

Edition: 2nd Copyright Year: 2016

Final Overall Alignment Score: 2.59

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)

Final Recommendation Form

Textbook Series Title: The Science and Technology Concepts Program™ (STC Program™)

Text/Module Name: STC: Understanding Weather and Climate, STC: Exploring Planetary Systems, Researching the Sun, Earth, Moon System, STC: Exploring Plate Tectonics

Publisher: Carolina Biological Supply Company (CBSC)

Grade Level: Fifth Grade

Edition: 2nd Copyright Year: 2016

Final Overall Alignment Score: 3.31

Overall Rating for the Instructional material: (Choose appropriate rating)

- Exemplary Quality Alignment ratings – 3.5 – 4.0 (Approved)
- Meets Minimum Alignment ratings – 2.5 – 3.49 (Approved)
- Does Not Meet Alignment ratings – 0-2.49 (Rejected)