

Psychology
Program Component Review
District Summary

PSYCHOLOGY TEXT SELECTION

Texts reviewed:

Psychology (Minter and Elmhurst)	Pearson/Prentice Hall
Thinking About Psychology (Blair-Broeken and Ernst)	BFW (Bedford)
Introduction to Psychology (Plotnik)	Cengage
Understanding Psychology (Kasschau)	McGraw Hill

Each question was scored on a scale of 1-4 by each of the teachers in attendance at the selection committee meeting.

CONTENT

1. Does the text promote acquisition of Common Core Standards in each area?
Writing?
Reading?
Listening/Speaking?
Language?
2. Does the text clearly explain complicated or complex concepts in a manner appropriate for a high school general elective?
3. Are there adequate references to each perspective of psychology?
4. Are there references to current issues/theories?

Scores:

Psychology (Minter and Elmhurst)	Pearson/Prentice Hall	30
Thinking About Psychology (Blair-Broeken and Ernst)	BFW (Bedford)	24
Introduction to Psychology (Plotnik)	Cengage	26
Understanding Psychology (Kasschau)	McGraw Hill	28

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. What is reading level/complexity of the text? Is it accessible to special needs students including English Learners?

2. What is the availability of online or physical resources for teachers (e.g. PPT, etc.)?
3. Is there adequate content and practice to promote reading/writing skills and analysis of case studies and original sources?
4. What is the quality/availability of supplemental/technology based materials for students?
5. What is the adequacy of student support materials? (workbooks, online, etc?)
6. What is the quality of maps and other visuals?

Scores:

Psychology (Minter and Elmhurst)	Pearson/Prentice Hall	46
Thinking About Psychology (Blair-Broeken and Ernst)	BFW (Bedford)	40
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ASSESSMENT

1. What are the types/quality of formative/summative assessments to promote acquisition of necessary skills/content?
2. Are sample multiple choice/free response tests included in the resources for every unit?

Scores:

Psychology (Minter and Elmhurst)	Pearson/Prentice Hall	16
Thinking About Psychology (Blair-Broeken and Ernst)	BFW (Bedford)	14
Introduction to Psychology (Plotnik)	Cengage	10
Understanding Psychology (Kasschau)	McGraw Hill	10

Total Scores:

Psychology (Minter and Elmhurst)	Pearson/Prentice Hall	92
Thinking About Psychology (Blair-Broeken and Ernst)	BFW (Bedford)	78
Introduction to Psychology (Plotnik)	Cengage	72
Understanding Psychology (Kasschau)	McGraw Hill	72

