

Science Textbook Reviewer Application

The written application has the following two components:

1. Letter of Intent
2. Practice Exercise: Curriculum Alignment Task

Instructions:

1. Letter of Intent:

The letter should not be longer than 2 pages, typed, double-spaced. Please describe:

- Years of teaching experience, current teaching assignment, teacher certificate number, certification area(s), science curriculum experience within 5 years, science professional development within 3 years
- The grade/grade band/course that interests you
- Your rationale for being a Science Textbook Reviewer
- What process(es) you undergo when determining which resources you will utilize to support your instruction, Which resources do you use to help make these decisions
- Evidence of student growth from your instruction (Please focus, in particular, on the past two years of instruction)
- Any relationships with any science publisher (consultant, trainer, or author)

2. Practice Exercise: Curriculum Alignment Task (New Standards may be located at: goo.gl/AErQfC)

Choose the Curriculum Alignment Exercise (found at goo.gl/AErQfC) from the grade/grade band/course for which you are applying. (If you are applying for more than one grade/grade band/course, you only need to submit for **one** grade band or course.) Each exercise has subject/grade specific task(s), in less than one page, typed, double-spaced, give an analysis* that includes the following three components:

- The alignment between the task and the standard(s) for the specific grade level/course for which you are applying
- The alignment between the task and the Science and Engineering Practices.
- Suggestions for modifications or improvements to the material

**Each component above may include a bulleted list for your analysis. Only applications with completed letters of intent and practice exercises will be reviewed. Example: If you are applying to review books for the 3rd-5th grade band, you will complete an analysis of the task for grades 3 - 5 located at goo.gl/AErQfC by following the directions listed above.*

Your analysis will be measured against four indicators:

1. Strength of alignment to standards/topics and practice standards
2. Demonstration of content knowledge
3. Ability to write in content
4. Quality of suggestions made to improve the material

Thank you for your interest in the Textbook Review Application process. Please email all components of the application to Dedric McGhee at mcgheed@scsk12.org by Wednesday, October 25, 2017.