

Sole Source Affidavit

A sole source purchase can be made without the benefit of a competitive process when there are no other items available in the marketplace that have the same fit, form, and function of the items being purchased.

To comply with the State of Texas definition of a sole source provider, the vendor must satisfy one of the following requirements as defined in the Texas Education Code Subchapter B., Sec. 44.031

(0) Without complying with Subsection (a), the board of trustees of a school district may purchase an item that is available from only one source, including:

- (1) an item for which competition is precluded because of the existence of a patent, copyright, secret process, or monopoly;
 - (2) a film, manuscript, or book;
 - (3) a utility service, including electricity, gas, or water; and
 - (4) a captive replacement part or component for equipment.
- (k) The exceptions provided by Subsection (0) do not apply to mainframe data-processing equipment and peripheral attachments with a single-item purchase price in excess of \$15,000.

We have carefully reviewed the Texas Education Code Subchapter B., Sec. 44.031 and hereby certify that we meet and comply with Sections (0) and (k) of the aforementioned code for the sale of:

Accommodations Wheel; ADD/ ADHD Wheel; Compact Guides: (Assessments Guide; Behavior Strategies Guide (K-5 & 6-12); Critical Thinking Guide; Differentiated Instruction Guide; English Language Learners Strategies Guide; Intervention Strategies Guide); TEKS-Based Assessments: (Math; Reading; Science; Writing); ThinkUp! Series for ELAR, Math, Science; Science Vocabulary Cards; Math Vocabulary Cards; Reading/ELA Vocabulary Cards; Team ThinkUp!; ThinkUp! Foundations Flip Chart; Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Flip Chart; T-Tess Flip Chart; TEKS Mastery Series; Master Instructional Strategies Flip Chart; Math Manipulatives Flip Chart (Levels 3-5); Critical Thinking Student Wheel; Critical Thinking Student Wheel Teacher Guide; Critical Thinking Educator Wheel; Depth of Knowledge-Revised Bloom's Wheel; Classroom Best Practices Wheel; Success Series; Critical Thinking in the Classroom: A Practitioner's Guide, Resource Library App. Mentoring Minds not only holds the copyright on all materials mentioned above, but also is the sole provider of these products. They are not available for purchase from any business other than Mentoring Minds.

Brief description of product:

Accommodations Wheel: is a tool to assist teachers, parents, and specialists as they collaboratively make decisions to help students be successful in school and have equal access to curriculum

ADD/ ADHD Wheel: is a tool to assist teachers, parents, and specialists to collaboratively make decisions to help students with attention and behavior difficulties

Compact Guides: easy-to-use resource for educators. These small flip charts address a variety of topics that help educators provide high-quality instruction and build positive learning environment. Each guide focuses on a different topic and contains 14 tabs that offer a multitude of techniques and strategies about that topic:

- Assessments Guide
- Behavior Strategies Guide (K-5 and 6-12)
- Critical Thinking Strategies Guide
- Differentiated Instruction Guide
- English Language Learners Strategies Guide
- Intervention Strategies Guide

ThinkUp! Series: ThinkUp! ELAR, ThinkUp! Math, ThinkUp! Science, and ThinkUp! Writing offer opportunities to think innovatively within the activities in the teacher and student resources as well as with the open-ended, real world questioning. Whether students are solving a problem, researching an issue, bringing resolution to a decision, making a plan, choosing a way to demonstrate understanding, recording thinking in a journal, participating in an investigation, responding to critical thinking prompts, completing performance task assessments, innovative thinking is integrated in a variety of ways, pending the grade and subject levels of ThinkUp! ELAR, ThinkUp! Math, ThinkUp! Science, or ThinkUp! Writing

Math – Addresses all student expectations of the Revised TEKS. Includes expanded units that provide more questions and activities to enhance student learning and instruction of the TEKS. Enhances critical thinking and problem solving

ELAR – TEKS-based units with reading selections that reflect a variety of literary and informational genres. Rigorous and relevant unit selections, assessment items, critical thinking prompts, and creative thinking activities. Multiple-choice and constructed-response assessments covering 100% of the TEKS eligible for assessment on STAAR

Science – Critical thinking and formative assessments. Questions dual-coded to content standards and process standards. Guided practice questions, vocabulary activities and introductory investigations

Writing –Offers assessment passages with questions aligned to the STAAR Reporting Categories. Provides Unit Instructional Plans with unpacking the TEKS, instructional and intervention activities, and coded answer keys. Includes personal narrative or expository model writing passages to support students as they write compositions

TEKS-Based Assessments:

- **Math** – Based on the revised TEKS. Address 100% of the TEKS eligible for assessment on STAAR. Contain two different assessments (Forms A and B) bound into one student assessment booklet for each grade level. Pinpoint areas that require extra attention and focus. Includes a teacher

administration guide and answer key. Offer both selected-response and griddable item formats. Provide clear and easy to read graphics, tables and graphs. Promote flexibility of use in a variety of classroom settings. Provide opportunities to benchmark student progress. Reflect the rigor, structure and format of STAAR

- **Reading** – Aligned to 100% of the TEKS eligible for assessment on STAAR. Contain Forms A and B in each assessment booklet. Reflect the rigor, structure and format of STAAR. Provide data that can be used by educators to guide teaching and learning. Assess all Reporting Categories, both Readiness and Supporting TEKS. Provide practice with multiple-choice question formats. Offer literary and informational genres. Includes an Administration Manual and Answer Key with assessment items coded to the TEKS STAAR Reporting Categories, Bloom’s Original/Revised, DOK and ELPS
- **Science** – Address 100% of the standards. Aligned to TEKS and coded to Depth of Knowledge (DOK) and Bloom’s Original/Revised. Opportunities are provided to monitor student progress. Contains two full-length assessments
- **Writing** – Aligned to 100% of the TEKS eligible for assessment on STAAR. Provide Forms A and B to allow multiple opportunities to monitor student performance. Assess all STAAR Reporting Categories-Readiness and Supporting TEKS. Offer multiple-choice items that assess the revising and editing TEKS based on the structure and format of STAAR. Include composition prompts for both personal narrative and expository writing tasks. Contain a Chart Your Success tool to allow students to monitor individual performance. Include an Administration Manual and Answer Key with assessment items coded to TEKS, STAAR Reporting Categories, DOK, Bloom’s Original/Revised, and ELPS. Provide scoring guides to support teachers as they evaluate compositions and provide effective feedback to improve student writing

Science Vocabulary Cards: Provide students multiple meaningful touches with science vocabulary. Address the need to teach science vocabulary in context. Include science vocabulary addressing each reporting category as well as the scientific investigation and reasoning skills. Focus on learning vocabulary described in the TEKS, as well as supporting standards that are eligible for testing on the STAAR. Includes Science Word Play Activities book for teachers that offers: Vocabulary strategies; Formative assessment ideas; Instructional practices for vocabulary; Graphic organizers for vocabulary; Word wall and vocabulary activities

Math Vocabulary Cards: Builds the vocabulary capacity necessary for TEKS mastery and STAAR success. Engages visual learners with diagrams and graphics illustrating each word. Contains essential content vocabulary terms based on grade-level standards. Includes Math Word Play Activities book for teachers that offers: Vocabulary strategies; Formative assessment ideas; Instructional practices for vocabulary; Graphic organizers for vocabulary; Word wall and vocabulary activities

Reading/ELA Vocabulary Cards: Builds the vocabulary capacity necessary for TEKS mastery and STAAR success. Engages visual learners with diagrams and graphics illustrating each word. Contains essential content vocabulary terms based on grade-level standards. Includes Reading/ELA Word Play Activities book for teachers that offers: Vocabulary strategies; Formative assessment ideas; Instructional practices for vocabulary; Graphic organizers for vocabulary; Word wall and vocabulary activities

Team ThinkUp!: Introduces the 9 Traits of Critical Thinking through the lenses of ELA, Math, and Science. Authentic examples and cross-curricular activities teach students to apply the 9 traits in context and reflect on their thinking

ThinkUp! Foundations Flip Chart: Guides educators as they create a thinking culture that promotes student engagement, deeper understanding, and a lifetime of learning

Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Flip Chart: Offers strategies and evidence-based practices to effectively implement a multi-tiered system of supports; assists teachers in providing academic and behavioral support systems to ensure student success

Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Flip Chart: This resources helps school leaders and teachers engage in deeper conversations about lesson design and educational practices while implementing the T-Tess

TEKS Mastery Series: These content-specific flip charts contain the standards, instructional activities, and other valuable resources that empower teachers to deliver effective instruction that results in student mastery while enhancing critical thinking-ELAR, Math, Science

Master Instructional Strategies Flip Chart: is an easy-to-use resource that offers hundreds of instructional strategies from the major instructional schools of thought

Math Manipulatives Flip Chart (Levels 3-5): engages students in mathematics and constructing comprehension; provides strategic tools to conceptualize and solve problems

Critical Thinking Student Wheel: is a resource for students to develop and improve students' questioning and thinking skills

Critical Thinking Student Wheel/Teacher Guide: is a teacher resource that suggests critical and creative thinking strategies and activities

Critical Thinking Educator Wheel: provides educators quick and easy access to critical thinking prompts based on Bloom's Taxonomy. Available in English and Spanish

Depth of Knowledge – Revised Bloom's Wheel: Supports educators in addressing the cognitive demands of standards and assessments. Features the six levels of Revised Bloom's Taxonomy on one side and the four levels of Webb's Depth of Knowledge on the other side

Classroom Best Practices Wheel: helps administrators monitor the implementation of effective instruction and quality assessment strategies. Guides teachers to use best practices to strengthen assessment for learning and to plan quality instruction that improves teaching and learning

Success Series:

- **Best Walkthrough Practices (Principal Success Series):** Refine your classroom walkthrough habits with dozens of best practices, tips, and suggestions from current and former principals. This book helps administrators reflect on their walkthrough practices in order to create a culture of improvement in teaching and learning
- **Critical Thinking for School Leaders (Principal Success Series):** Critical thinking is an essential element for preparing every learner to succeed in school and throughout life. School leaders are instrumental in establishing a positive tone for embracing critical thinking and cultivating a thinking environment throughout the school. Investing in an initiative to promote deeper thinking can favorably impact teaching and learning
- **Parent and Family Engagement (Teacher Success Series):** Build positive relationships with parents to affect the success of students as well as the success of the campus. This book offers suggestions on how to cultivate and strengthen home-to-school partnerships with parents

Critical Thinking in the Classroom: A Practitioner's Guide: Lay the foundation for student growth and achievement with a practitioner's guide that shares the why and the how for building critical thinking skills in K-12 classrooms

Mentoring Minds Resource Library App:

Explore an extensive offering of our best-selling educator resources right from your smartphone. You will have unprecedented access to best practices, research-based strategies, and practical ideas right at your fingertips:

- Standards Mastery
- Parent Engagement
- Vocabulary Cards
- Word Play Activities
- Social and Emotional Learning
- English Language Learners

The modules feature hundreds of ready-to-use instructional activities + interventions/extensions, and practical, proactive strategies + techniques. Plus, print your own set of vocabulary cards with **our in-app print** functionality

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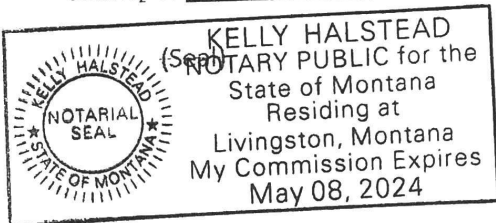
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