

**BOARD TRANSMITTAL FORM
DENAIR UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 13, 2015

EXHIBIT NO.

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TO: Board of Education
PREPARED BY: Michelle Bush, Senior Director of Student Services
PRESENTED BY: Michelle Bush, Senior Director of Student Services; Alecia Myers, Director of Secondary Education; Travis Manley, Middle School Principal

AGENDA TITLE: APPROVE SECONDARY SPANISH CURRICULUM PILOT PROGRAM

AGENDA SECTION:

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**Scheduled for Action*

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION / DETAILS:

This agenda item is to provide the Board with a request to pilot a new Spanish Curriculum for the 2015-2016 school year. Realidades is a standards-based Spanish program that seamlessly integrates communication, grammar, and culture. This balanced approach is built upon the principles of backward design with assessment aligned with instruction. The many tools for differentiated instruction supports success for all learners. The new Teacher and Student Digital Center, realidades.com, offers the newest and most powerful online learning system available in any middle school and high school Spanish program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Superintendent recommends approval

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

not to exceed \$10,000 pending final proposal from Pearson for pilot program



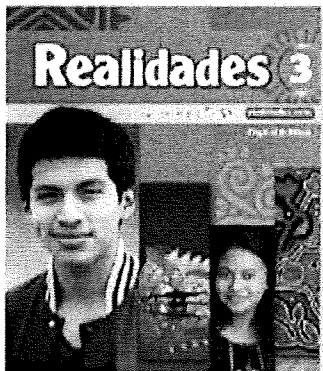
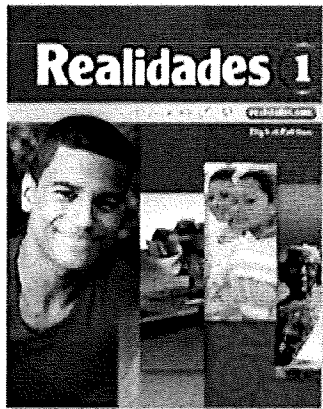
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Realidades

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Now featuring
Level 4!

Print and digital solutions for today's 21st century classroom!



Realidades: Levels 1 through 4

Highly acclaimed and effectively used in Spanish classrooms around the world, *Realidades* develops the language proficiency, cultural understanding, and 21st century skills needed for success in today's global community.

- Articulated sequence of instruction through Spanish 4
- **Balanced approach** that combines vocabulary, grammar, culture, and communication
- Print, hands on, and digital resources to **personalize and differentiate** learning
- Thematic, **critical-thinking** approach to understanding culture
- **Integrated 21st century skills**
- **Digital solutions** for the classroom, the lab, at home, or mobile!

Upper Elementary/Middle School Spanish

Realidades A and *B* provide the same content per *Tema* as *Realidades 1* with photographs, realia, and activities adapted for the younger learner. At the end of *Realidades B*, students are ready for a smooth transition into *Realidades 2*.

If you are looking for an upper elementary Spanish program, *Realidades A* has been used effectively in classrooms starting at grade 4.

High School Spanish

Realidades 1–4 gives teachers a wide range of tools and support to help all students develop Spanish proficiency and cultural understanding. The articulated sequence through Level 4 includes student center themes, performance based language tasks, differentiated resources, and engaging technology.

For more program information, online videos, and demos, visit:

PearsonSchool.com/real2014