



## Coming Fall 2019 - A New Vision for Digital Instructional Resources



### Scout

Iowa's AEAs are changing the way students and educators find high-quality information. **Fewer clicks. Better results. Enter AEA Scout.** Using a **single sign-on**, students will be able to search **curated digital content** and then select the appropriate resources for their research. Students will be able to save resources to their own digital folders, teachers will be able to share resources with entire classes, a group of students, and other teachers.

### AEA Scout Features

#### Single sign-on

- Login once to search multiple sources

#### One interface

- Easy to learn, user-friendly

#### Digital content

- Curated content from recognized publishers and producers
- Videos, articles, documents, encyclopedia, ebooks, audiobooks, photos, charts, graphs and more

#### Predictive functions

- The more students search, the smarter and better the results will be
- Suggested materials based on usage and interest

#### Personalized learning experience

- Create folders for each class or assignment
- Teachers can share resources and notes with students
- Highlight, underline, take (and share) notes in one place

#### For all learners

- Translate text to different languages
- Most digital text is read-aloud
- Closed captioned video
- Change text size and font
- Change the background color for higher contrast



## Paper Prices Increase

If you've had to buy paper recently, you may have noticed having to pay more. Over the past 18 months, paper prices have significantly increased. Prices for paper and paper products are up anywhere from 7-20 percent across the board. Why?

Increased tariffs on offshore paper have limited supply. Some manufacturers have shut down or permanently closed their mills, unable to continue production as a result of increased transportation and raw material (pulp) costs. Tighter margins are being seen as a result of an unstable market and, finally, a decrease in usage has slowed down mass production in efforts of keeping supply and demand steady.

AEA Purchasing, a cooperative purchasing service of Iowa's AEAs, bids cut paper twice a year and has seen the variance between bidders get smaller and smaller. Today, the standard case of white, 8.5 x 11 cut paper is around \$32/case with the average "street price" (non-contract) ranging anywhere from \$35-\$59.

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