

SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Board of Trustees desires that district instructional materials, as a whole, present a broad spectrum of knowledge and viewpoints, reflect society's diversity, and enhance the use of multiple teaching strategies and technologies. The Board shall adopt instructional materials based on a determination that such materials are an effective learning resource to help students achieve grade-level competency and that the materials meet criteria specified in law. Textbooks, technology-based materials, other educational materials shall be aligned with state and district content standards and the district's curriculum to ensure that they effectively support the district's adopted courses of study.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 0415 - Equity)

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

The Board shall select instructional materials for use in grades K-8 that have been approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) or that have, during the district's review process, been determined to be aligned with the state academic content standards adopted by SBE. (Education Code 60200, 60210)

The Board shall adopt instructional materials for grades 9-12 upon determining that the materials meet the criteria specified in law and administrative regulation. (Education Code 60400)

In selecting or adopting instructional materials, the Board shall consider the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee and/or an advisory committee established to review the materials.

The Board shall annually conduct one or more public hearings on the sufficiency of the district's instructional materials. (Education Code 60119 5 CCR 9531)

The hearing shall take place on or before the end of the eighth week from the first day students attend school for that year.

The Board encourages participation by parents/guardians, teachers, interested community members, and bargaining unit leaders at the hearing. The Superintendent or designee shall post, 10 days prior to the hearing and in three public places within the district, a notice containing the time, place, and purpose of the hearing. The hearing shall not take place during or immediately following school hours. (Education Code 60119)

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Public Hearing on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

(cf. 9322 – Agenda/Meeting Materials)

At the hearing(s), the Board shall determine, through a resolution, whether each student in each school, including each English Learner, has sufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials that are aligned to the content standards adopted by SBE and consistent with the content and cycles of the state curriculum frameworks adopted by SBE and consistent with the content cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by SBE in each of the following subjects: (Education Code 60119)

1. Mathematics

(cf. 6142.92 – Mathematics Instruction)

2. Science

(cf. 6142.93 – Science Instruction)

3. History-social science

(cf. 6142.94 – History-Social Science Instruction)

4. English/language arts, including the English language development component of an adopted program

(cf. 6142.91 – English/Language Arts Instruction)

(cf. 6174 – Education for English Learners)

5. Foreign Language

6. Health

(cf. 6142.8 – Comprehensive Health Education)

The Board shall also determine the availability of science laboratory equipment, as applicable to science laboratory courses offered in grades 9-12.

In making these determinations, the Board shall consider whether each student has sufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials to use in class and to take home. However, the materials shall not be considered sufficient if they are photocopied sheets from only a portion of a textbook or instructional materials copied to address a shortage. (Education Code 60119)

If materials are in a digital format, they shall be considered sufficient as long as each student, at a minimum, has and can access the same materials in the class and to take home as all other students in the same class or course in the district, and has the ability to use and access them at home. (Education Code 60119)

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If the Board determines that there are insufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials, the Board shall provide information to classroom teachers and to the public, setting forth for each school in which an insufficiency exists, the percentage of students who lack sufficient standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials in each subject area and the reasons that each student does not have sufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials. The Board shall take any action, except an action that would require reimbursement by the Commission of State Mandates, to ensure that that each student has sufficient materials within two months of the beginning of the school year in which the determination is made. (Education Code 60119)

The degree to which every student has sufficient access to standards-aligned instructional materials shall be included in the district's local control and accountability plan. (Education Code 52060)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

Complaints

Complaints concerning instructional materials shall be handled in accordance with BP/AR 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials or AR 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures, as applicable.

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

220 Prohibition against discrimination

1240 County superintendent, general duties

33050-33053 General waiver authority

33126 School accountability report card

35272 Education and athletic materials

44805 Enforcement of course of studies; use of textbooks, rules and regulations

49415 Maximum textbook weight

51501 Nondiscriminatory Subject matter

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

60000-60005 Instructional materials, legislative intent

60010 Definitions

60040-60048 Instructional requirements and materials

60060-60062 Requirements for publishers and manufacturers

60070-60076 Prohibited acts (re instructional materials)

60110-60111 Instructional materials on drug education

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60119 Public hearing on sufficiency of materials

60200-60206 Elementary school materials

60226 Requirements for publishers and manufacturers

60350-60352 Core reading program instructional materials

60400-60411 High school textbooks

60510-60511 Donation for sale of obsolete instructional materials

60605 State content standards

60605.8 Common Core Standards

60605.86 Supplemental instructional materials aligned with Common Core Standards

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

9505-9530 Instructional materials

Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

Instructional Materials FAQ

01-05 Guidelines for Piloting Textbooks and Instructional Materials, rev. January 2015

Standards for Evaluating Instructional Materials for Social Content, 2013

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

Association of American Publishers: <http://www.publishers.org>

California Academic Content Standards Commission, Common Core Standards:

<http://www.scoe.net/castandards>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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