

SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Yolo County Governing Board desires that the Yolo County Office of Education 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 County 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, and other educational materials shall be aligned with academic content standards and the County Office's curriculum to ensure that they effectively support the County Office's adopted courses of study.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(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 County Board shall select instructional materials for use in grades K-8 that have been approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) or have otherwise been determined to be aligned with the state academic content standards adopted pursuant to Education Code 60605 or the Common Core State Standards adopted pursuant to Education Code 60605.8. (Education Code 60200, 60210)

The County 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)

Review Process

The Yolo County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall establish a process by which instructional materials shall be reviewed for recommendation to the County Board. Toward that end, he/she may establish an instructional materials review committee to evaluate and recommend instructional materials.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

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The review process shall involve teachers in a substantial manner and shall encourage the participation of parents/guardians and community members. (Education Code 60002)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

In addition, the instructional materials review committee may include administrators, other staff who have subject-matter expertise, and students as appropriate.

If the County Office chooses to use instructional materials for grades K-8 that have not been adopted by the SBE, the County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a majority of the participants in the County Office's review process are classroom teachers who are assigned to the subject area or grade level of the materials. (Education Code 60210)

Individuals who participate in the selection or review of instructional materials shall not have a conflict of interest, as defined in administrative regulation, in the materials being reviewed.

(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)

The committee shall review instructional materials using criteria provided in law and administrative regulation, and shall provide the Board with documentation supporting its recommendations.

All recommended instructional materials shall be available for public inspection at the district office.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

The County Office may pilot instructional materials, using a representative sample of classrooms for a specified period of time during a school year, in order to determine how well the materials support the district's curricular goals and academic standards. Feedback from teachers piloting the materials shall be made available to the Board before the materials are adopted.

Public Hearing on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

The County Board shall annually conduct one or more public hearings on the sufficiency of the district's textbooks and other instructional materials. (Education Code 60119)

The hearing shall be held on or before the end of the eighth week from the first day students attend school for that year. (Education Code 60119)

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

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

At the hearing(s), the County Board shall determine, through a resolution, whether each student in each school, including each English learner, has sufficient textbooks or instructional materials which are aligned to the state content standards adopted pursuant to Education Code 60605 or the Common Core State Standards adopted pursuant to Education Code 60605.8 and which are consistent with the content and cycles of the state's curriculum frameworks. Sufficiency of instructional materials shall be determined 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. World/foreign language

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(cf. 6142.2 - World/Foreign Language Instruction)

6. Health

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

The County Board shall also determine the availability of science laboratory equipment, as applicable to science laboratory courses offered in grades 9-12. (Education Code 60119)

In making these determinations, the County Board shall consider whether each student has sufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials to use in class and to take home. However, this does not require that each student have two sets of materials. The materials may be in a digital format 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. 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 the County Board determines that there are insufficient textbooks or instructional materials, it shall provide information to classroom teachers and to the public setting forth, for each school/program 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 or instructional materials. The County Board shall take any action, except an action that would require reimbursement by the Commission of State Mandates, to ensure 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 County Office'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 law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

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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
 - 60040-60052 Instructional requirements and materials
 - 60060-60063.5 Requirements for publishers and manufacturers
 - 60070-60076 Prohibited acts (re instructional materials)
 - 60110-60115 Instructional materials on alcohol and drug education
 - 60119 Public hearing on sufficiency of materials
 - 60200-60210 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 State Standards
 - 60605.86-60605.88 Supplemental instructional materials aligned with Common Core State Standards
- CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
- 9505-9530 Instructional materials

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 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>

Instruction

BP/SP 6161.1(f)

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California Academic Content Standards Commission, Common Core State Standards:

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

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