

Instruction

Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials

The Board of Education 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, and other educational materials shall be aligned with the state and District content standards, and the District's curriculum to ensure that they effectively support the District's adopted course of study.

To ensure that instructional materials effectively support the District's adopted courses of study, the selection of textbooks, technology-based materials, other educational materials, and tests shall be aligned with the development and evaluation of the District's curriculum and standards.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a process by which instructional materials shall be reviewed for recommendation to the Board. This process shall involve teachers in a substantial manner and shall also encourage the participation of parents/guardians and community members.

All recommended instructional materials shall be available for public inspection at the District office. Individuals who participate in selecting and evaluating instructional materials shall not have a conflict of interest in the materials being reviewed, as defined in administrative regulation.

Complaints concerning instructional materials shall be handled in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

In accordance with the Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program, the Board's priority in the selection of instructional materials is to ensure that all students in grades K-12 are provided with instructional materials that are aligned to state content standards in the core curriculum areas of reading/language arts, mathematics, science, and history/social science. Students in grades K-8 shall be provided with instructional materials adopted by the State Board of Education.

The District 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.

When the Board determines that standards-aligned textbooks and instructional materials have been provided to all students in accordance with Education Code 60422, it shall so certify. A copy of the certification shall be kept on file in the District office.

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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the District satisfies the criteria necessary to access funds under the state's Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Account pursuant to Education Code 60252.

Public Hearing on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

The Board shall annually conduct one or more public hearings on the sufficiency of the District's textbooks and other instructional 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 or instructional materials that are aligned to the state content standards adopted pursuant to Education Code 60605 in each of the following subjects: (Education Code 60119)

1. Mathematics [6142.92]
2. Science [6142.93]
3. History/social science [6142.94]
4. English language arts, including the English language development component of an adopted program [6142.91]
5. Foreign language [6142.2]
6. Health [6142.8]

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

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

The Board encourages participation by parents/guardians, teachers, interested community members, and bargaining unit leaders at the hearing. The Superintendent or designee shall post, ten 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)

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, 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)

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The Board shall also make a determination that all students within the District who are enrolled in the same course have "identical" standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials from the same adoption cycle, as defined in Education Code 1240.3, 60119, and 60422. (Education Code 1240.3, 42605)

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 each student has sufficient materials within two months of the beginning of the school year in which the determination is made. (Education Code 60119)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

220 Prohibition against discrimination
1240 County superintendent, general duties
1240.3 Definition of sufficiency for categorical flexibility
33050-33054 General waiver authority
33126 School accountability report card
35272 Education and athletic materials
42605 Tier 3 categorical flexibility
44805 Enforcement of course of studies; use of textbooks, rules and regulations
49415 Maximum textbook weight
51501 Subject matter reflecting on race, color, etc.
60000-60005 Instructional materials, legislative intent
60010 Definitions
60040-60048 ~~52~~ Instructional requirements and materials
60060-60062 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
60200-60206 Elementary school materials
60226 Requirements for publishers and manufacturers
60240-60252 State Instructional Materials Fund
60350-60352 Core reading program instructional materials
60400-60411 High school textbooks
60420-60424 Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program
60510-60511 Donation of sale of obsolete instructional materials
60605 State content standards
60605.8 Common Core Standards
60605.86 Supplemental instructional materials aligned to Common Core Standards

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CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
9505-9535 Instructional materials, especially:
9531-9532 Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program

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