

Policy 6161.1: Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials

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The Governing Board desires that district instructional materials, as a whole, present a broad spectrum of knowledge and viewpoints, reflect **and value** society's diversity, and enhance **instructor's ability to educate all students through** 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 academic content standards and the district's curriculum to ensure that they effectively support the district's adopted courses of study.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a process by which instructional materials shall **will** be reviewed for recommendation to the Board.

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**, 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 **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 **the accompanying** 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.

Review Process

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

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

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

If the district chooses to use instructional materials for grades K-8 that have not been adopted by the SBE, the Superintendent Chief Learning Officer or designee shall ensure that a majority of the participants in the district'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.

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.

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.

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, **including textbooks, technology-based materials, other educational materials, and tests.**

Technology-based materials include, but are not limited to, software programs, video disks, compact disks, optical disks, video and audio tapes, lesson plans, databases, and the electronic equipment required to make use of those materials by students and teachers as a learning resource. (Education Code 60010, 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)

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

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 **other** instructional materials **that are aligned to the content standards adopted by SBE and consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by SBE** 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
2. Science
3. History-social science
4. English/ language arts, including the English language development component of an adopted program
5. World/foreign language
6. Health

The 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 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 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)

If the Board determines that there are insufficient textbooks or **other** instructional materials, ~~it~~ **the district** 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 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)

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)

Complaints

Complaints concerning instructional materials shall be handled in accordance with law **BP/AR 1312.2 - Complaints**

Concerning Instructional Materials or AR 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures, as applicable.

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State References

	Description
5 CCR 9505-9530	Instructional materials
Ed. Code 1240	County superintendent of schools, duties
Ed. Code 220	Prohibition of discrimination
Ed. Code 33050-33053	General waiver authority
Ed. Code 33126	School accountability report card
Ed. Code 35272	Education and athletic materials
Ed. Code 44805	Enforcement of course of studies; use of textbooks, rules and regulations
Ed. Code 49415	Maximum textbook weight
Ed. Code 51501	Nondiscriminatory subject matter
Ed. Code 52060-52077	Local control and accountability plan
Ed. Code 60000-60005	Instructional materials, legislative intent
Ed. Code 60010	Instructional materials, definition
Ed. Code 60040-60052	Requirements for instructional materials
Ed. Code 60060-60063.5	Requirements for publishers and manufacturers
Ed. Code 60070-60076	Prohibited acts (re instructional materials)
Ed. Code 60110-60115	Instructional materials on alcohol and drug education
Ed. Code 60119	Sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials; hearing and resolution
Ed. Code 60200-60210	Elementary school materials
Ed. Code 60226	Requirements for publishers and manufacturers
Ed. Code 60350-60352	Core reading program instructional materials
Ed. Code 60400-60411	Instructional materials, high schools
Ed. Code 60510-60511	Donation for sale of obsolete instructional materials
Ed. Code 60605	State-adopted content and performance standards in core curricular areas
Ed. Code 60605.8	Common Core standards
Ed. Code 60605.86-60605.88	Supplemental instructional materials aligned with Common Core State Standards

Management Resources References

	Description
California Department of Education Publication	Instructional Materials FAQ
California Department of Education Publication	01-05 Guidelines for Piloting Textbooks and Instructional Materials, rev. January 2015
California Department of Education Publication	Standards for Evaluating Instructional Materials for Social Content, 2013
Website	Association of American Publishers
Website	California Academic Content Standards Commission, Common Core State Standards
Website	CSBA
Website	California Department of Education

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