



INSTRUCTIONS

POLICY – SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

BP 6161.1

The County Board desires that instructional materials, as a whole, present a broad spectrum of knowledge and viewpoints, reflect society's diverse values, and enhance instructors' ability to educate all students through 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 Education Office's curriculum.

The County Board shall select instructional materials for use in grades K-8 that have been approved by the State Board of Education (SBE), have been determined to be aligned with the state academic content standards adopted by SBE, or are adopted/approved by the district(s) contracting for community school services. (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 the accompanying administrative regulation, or are adopted/approved by the district(s) contracting for community school services. (Education Code 60400)

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.

Individuals who participate in selecting and evaluating instructional materials shall not have a conflict of interest in the materials being reviewed.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON SUFFICIENCY OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The County Board shall annually conduct a public hearing on the sufficiency of the County Education Office's instructional materials, including textbooks, technology-based materials, other educational materials, and tests. (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)

Ten days prior to the hearing, the County Superintendent or designee shall post a notice in three public places within the County Education 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)

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 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 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 languages
6. Health

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 or other instructional materials to use in class and to take home. This does not require that each student have two sets of materials. However, 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 County Education Office class or course, and has the ability to use and access them at home. (Education Code 60119)

If the County Board determines that there are insufficient textbooks or other instructional materials, the County Education Office 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 County Board shall take any action 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 Education Office's local control and accountability plan. (Education Code 52060)

COMPLAINTS

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

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>

California Academic Content Standards Commission, Common Core State Standards: <http://www.scoe.net/castandards>

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

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