



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: October 20, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Report Item – K-12 Curriculum Presentation – Instructional Materials Adoption

PRESENTER: Kathy Allen

ALIGNS TO BOARD PRIORITIES(S):

- Learning – The District will provide an aligned, rigorous curriculum, with instructional and technology programs preparing students to meet or exceed all educational standards.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Proclamation 2015 includes the adoption of instructional materials for the following subject areas and grades:
 - Social Studies for grades K-12
 - Secondary Math for grades 9-12
 - Fine Arts for grades K-12
 - Music for grades K-12.
- In order to be published on the Commissioner of Education’s approved list of instructional materials, vendors must submit their resource materials to the Texas Education Agency (TEA). TEA’s approval process is as follows:
 - Submitted materials undergo a full and complete investigation by a state review panel to identify the extent to which the materials meet the required TEKS and to identify factual errors.
 - Panel findings are reported to the Commissioner of Education for review and consideration.
 - The Commissioner of Education makes recommendations to the State Board of Education for final approval of instructional materials.
 - Instructional materials submitted to TEA for review must satisfy the following requirements:
 - Materials must cover at least 50% of the elements of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for the subject and grade level for which the materials are intended.
 - Materials must cover all English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) in both the student and teacher version.
 - Materials must comply with the manufacturing standards and be free from factual errors at the time of implementation in schools.
- Aledo ISD Instructional Materials Selection Committee Process:
 - Committee members attend vendor fairs (Region XI and AISD)

- Parents are provided access to view materials under consideration via School Fusion. Parents are notified about the posting by the parent link communication system. Parents are allowed to submit questions concerning materials to the Executive Director of Curriculum.
- District committee members share information with teachers and administrators at their campus.
- Teachers are provided a common rubric to utilize in evaluating materials under consideration. Teachers review instructional materials with a focus on how well the materials support student mastery of the required TEKS.
- Teacher feedback is provided to campus representatives. All campus representatives take to the district instructional materials committee meeting for final consideration.
- The district level includes the Executive Director of Curriculum, representatives from each campus. During the district level meeting, feedback is shared from all campuses and materials are selected.
- Selected materials are presented by the Executive Director of Curriculum to the Board of Trustees for final approval by April 2015.
- AISD Points of consideration when selecting instructional materials:
 - Are the materials 100% aligned to the TEKS and approved by the SBOE?
 - Does the vendor offer the instructional material in both print and online versions?
- Districts are not required to adopt materials for every subject covered in Proclamation 2015. However, on an annual basis the Board of Trustees has to certify the District offers resource materials that cover 100% of the TEKS for all subjects.
 - The last adoption for social studies materials was in 2002. Social studies resources are targeted as a primary consideration for adoption.
 - Secondary math classes will implement new mathematics TEKS in 2015-2016 school year. Mathematics resources are primary consideration for adoption.
 - All other resources will be prioritized based on whether or not current instructional materials satisfactorily cover 100% of the TEKS.
- Adoption of materials for Proclamation 2015 will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for final approval by April 2015.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS: Report item only

FISCAL NOTE: None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS: Report item only