

Textbook Proclamation 2014 Approval

April 22, 2014

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of Denton ISD's intent to adopt textbooks for H.S. Biology, Science K-5 and Mathematics K-8 under the rules of the TEA Proclamation 2014.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The members of the Denton ISD selection/review teams are nearing final decisions and will bring recommendations to the board at the next School Board Meeting in May.

This year we incorporated an extensive review process that allowed us to access *Learning List*. *Learning List* is a company that conducts intensive textbook reviews and writes editorial reports of TEKS coverage and a review of the various teaching/learning components within that textbook. These reports assisted us in making appropriate comparisons among publishers during our decision-making process.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- Instructional materials must meet at least 50% of the elements (student expectations) of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)—for the subject and grade level for which the materials are intended—in both the student version and the teacher version of the instructional materials.
- If a student expectation is subdivided into constituent parts or “breakouts”, then each individual breakout must be sufficiently covered in order for the student expectation to be considered addressed and counted toward the 50% minimum requirement.
- Instructional materials must be free from factual errors at the time of implementation in schools.
- Printed materials intended for use by the student must comply with the standards in the latest edition of Manufacturing Standards and Specifications for Textbooks, approved by the Advisory Commission on Textbook Specifications.
- Instructional Materials delivered electronically must meet the technical standards of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, Section 508.
- Materials delivered online must meet minimum web-based standards, available at <http://www.w3.org/standards>.
- All materials submitted for adoption in response to Proclamation 2014 must align with the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS).
- Open-source materials may be considered under Proclamation 2014.
- Electronic samples must allow for multiple simultaneous users.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Funding will be through the Denton ISD Instructional Materials Allotment.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

These instructional materials are necessary to ensure that teachers and students have appropriate support materials for student learning as required by Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

The actual recommended instructional materials/textbooks will be presented at the next board meeting, May 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

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ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed ...

OTHER COMMENTS:

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the intent to adopt Mathematics K-8, Science K-5, and Biology Textbooks/Instructional Materials using the rules as provided by TEA Proclamation 2014.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Dr. Mike Mattingly, Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Staff Development

ATTACHMENT:

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APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

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