

BOARD POLICY

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Instruction

6161.1 - BP

SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS - ADOPTED

The Governing Board 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 academic content standards and the district's curriculum to ensure that they effectively support the district's adopted courses of study.

The Board shall select instructional materials for use in grades K-8 that have been approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) or have otherwise been determined to be aligned with the state academic content standards adopted pursuant to Education Code 60605 or the Common Core Standards adopted pursuant to Education Code 60605.8.

The Board shall adopt instructional materials for grades 9-12 upon determining that the materials meet the criteria specified in law and administrative regulation.

The Board's priority in the selection of instructional materials is to ensure that all students are provided with standards-aligned instructional materials in the core curriculum areas of English/language arts, mathematics, science, and history-social science.

The Superintendent 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 steering 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. In addition, the instructional materials steering 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 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.

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 or the Professional Development Academy.

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.

The Board shall annually conduct one or more public hearings on the sufficiency of the district's textbooks and other instructional materials. The hearing shall be held on or before the end of the eighth week from the first day students attend school for that year. 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 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.

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 which are aligned to the state content standards adopted pursuant to Education Code 60605 or the Common Core 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:

1. Mathematics
(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)
2. Science
(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)
3. History-social science
(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)
4. English language arts, including the English language development component of an adopted program
(cf. 6142.91 - English/Language Arts Instruction)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)
5. Foreign language
(cf. 6142.2 - World/Foreign Language Instruction)
6. Health
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

The Board shall also determine the availability of science laboratory equipment, as applicable to science laboratory courses offered in grades 9-12.

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.

If the Board determines that there are insufficient textbooks or instructional materials, it 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.

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

Legal Reference: Education Code 220
 Education Code 1240.3
 Education Code 33050-33053
 Education Code 33126
 Education Code 35272
 Education Code 42605
 Education Code 44805
 Education Code 49415
 Education Code 51501
 Education Code 60000-60005
 Education Code 60010
 Education Code 60040-60052
 Education Code 60060-60062
 Education Code 60070-60076
 Education Code 60110-60115
 Education Code 60119
 Education Code 60200-60210
 Education Code 60226
 Education Code 60350-60352
 Education Code 60400-60411
 Education Code 60510-60511
 Education Code 60605
 Education Code 60605.8
 Education Code 60605.86-60605.88

 Code of Regulations, Title 5 9505-9530

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