

# CSBA Sample

## Board Policy

### Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials

BP 6161.1

#### Instruction

\*\*\*Note: Pursuant to Education Code 60200 and 60400, the Governing Board is responsible for the adoption of textbooks and other instructional materials, as defined in Education Code 60010, for use in district schools. See the accompanying administrative regulation for required and optional criteria for the selection of instructional materials. See BP 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials and BP 6163.1 - Library Media Centers for selection processes regarding supplementary materials.\*\*\*

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.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)  
(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)  
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)  
(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)  
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)  
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)  
(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)  
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)  
(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

\*\*\*Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that maintain any of grades K-8 and may be revised to reflect the grade levels offered by the district. Pursuant to Education Code 60200, the State Board of Education (SBE) is required to adopt basic instructional materials in specified subjects that districts may select for use in grades K-8. As amended by AB 575 (Ch. 550, Statutes of 2016), Education Code 60200 provides that the SBE may adopt materials in any of the specified subject areas at least once, but not more than twice, every eight years.\*\*\*

\*\*\*Note: Education Code 60210 authorizes the Board to select materials that have not been approved by the SBE, provided they are aligned with state academic content standards or Common Core State Standards. In addition, if the district uses materials not adopted by the SBE, the majority of participants in the review process must be teachers assigned to the subject area or

grade level for which the materials will be used; see section below entitled "Review Process."\*\*\*

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 State Standards adopted pursuant to Education Code 60605.8. (Education Code 60200, 60210)

\*\*\*Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that maintain high schools.\*\*\*

The Board shall adopt instructional materials for grades 9-12 upon determining that the materials meet the criteria specified in law and administrative regulation. (Education Code 60400)

#### Review Process

\*\*\*Note: The following optional section may be revised to reflect district practice.\*\*\*

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 review committee to evaluate and recommend instructional materials.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

\*\*\*Note: Pursuant to Education Code 60002, the Board must provide for "substantial" teacher involvement in the selection of instructional materials and must promote the involvement of parents/guardians and other members of the community in the selection of instructional materials. The Education Code does not define "substantial."\*\*\*

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

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

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

\*\*\*Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that maintain any of grades K-8.\*\*\*

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. (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.

(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)

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.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

\*\*\*Note: SBE Policy on Guidelines for Piloting Textbooks and Instructional Materials provides a sample process for piloting instructional materials that addresses the selection of materials to pilot, a chronology of the process, and additional considerations, such as conflict of interest, contacts with publishers, and consideration of standards maps.\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*Note: As a condition of receiving funds for instructional materials from any state source, Education Code 60119 requires the Board to annually hold a public hearing to determine whether each student in the district has sufficient standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials in English/language arts (including English language development), mathematics, science, and history-social science that are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the SBE. As clarified in the California Department of Education's (CDE) Instructional Materials FAQ, state funding sources for instructional materials include local control funding formula funds and Proposition 20 (2000) lottery funds. The Board must also make a written determination during the hearing as to the sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials in foreign language and health courses, as well as science laboratory equipment in science laboratory courses, although the provision of the materials or the equipment in these courses is not a condition for receipt of state funding.\*\*\*

\*\*\*Note: Education Code 1240 requires the County Superintendent of Schools to review the textbooks and instructional materials of underperforming schools and, if he/she determines that a school does not have sufficient materials, to prepare a report outlining the noncompliance and give the district a chance to remedy the deficiency. If the deficiency is not remedied by the second month of the school year, the County Superintendent may request that the CDE purchase textbooks or materials for the district, and the cost must be repaid by the district. The CDE will issue a public statement at an SBE meeting indicating the district's failure to provide instructional materials.\*\*\*

The Board shall annually conduct one or more public hearings on the sufficiency of the district's

textbooks and other instructional materials. (Education Code 60119)

\*\*\*Note: Education Code 60119 specifies that the hearing must be held within eight weeks of the beginning of the school year. Option 1 is for use by districts without any schools on a multitrack year-round calendar. Option 2 is for use by districts with schools on a multitrack year-round calendar.\*\*\*

OPTION 1: 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)

OPTION 2: The hearing shall be held on or before the end of the eighth week from the first day of the school year of any district school that operates on a multitrack year-round calendar that begins its school year in August or September. (Education Code 60119)

\*\*\*Note: The remainder of this policy applies to all districts.\*\*\*

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. (Education Code 60119)

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

\*\*\*Note: Education Code 60119 requires the Board to adopt a resolution indicating whether or not each student in each school has sufficient standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials for the subjects specified in items #1-6 below. See the accompanying Exhibit for a sample resolution.\*\*\*

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 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

(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 Learners)

5. World/foreign language

(cf. 6142.2 - World/Foreign Language Instruction)

6. Health

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

\*\*\*Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that maintain any of grades 9-12.\*\*\*

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)

\*\*\*Note: Pursuant to Education Code 60119, if the Board makes a determination that there are insufficient textbooks or instructional materials, the Board must take action to ensure that the materials are provided within two months of the beginning of the school year. The CDE's Instructional Materials FAQ states that, if a district has submitted purchase orders to the publisher to purchase materials to remedy the insufficiency, these materials should be received and made available to students by the end of the second month of the school year. Thus, districts are strongly encouraged to hold the public hearing as early in the school year as possible in order to provide sufficient time to correct any deficiencies.\*\*\*

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. (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)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

## Complaints

\*\*\*Note: Complaints regarding the contents of instructional materials are addressed in BP/AR 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials. See AR 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures for language regarding complaints about deficiencies in instructional materials.\*\*\*

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

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

## 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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