

Anticipated 2017 Approval Process for K-12 History and Social Science Textbooks

- February 2017** The Board of Education (Board) approves the textbook schedule for the approval of K-12 History and Social Science textbooks.
- March 2017** The Department of Education (DOE) invites publishers to submit textbooks for review.
- DOE seeks nominations for qualified educators and content experts to serve on the textbook review committees.
- Publishers indicate their intent to submit textbooks on completed certification and agreement forms that are required by the Board in its state approval process.
- April 2017** Review committees of K-12 educators and content experts with advanced degrees in the field are determined.
- DOE reviews the certifications and agreements and works with publishers to address concerns. Incomplete forms may result in the textbook being removed for consideration for review.
- May 2017** DOE notifies the publishers of the evaluation committee members for the purpose of sending all the textbooks under consideration for approval to these reviewers.
- June 2017** Committee members use the evaluation criteria to review the textbooks independently for Standards of Learning (SOL) correlations, content, bias, and design for instructional planning and support.
- July 2017** Members of the review committee submit their individual textbook analyses to DOE staff for aggregation.
- August 2017** The evaluation committee meeting(s) to reach consensus on reviews of the submitted textbooks.
- September 2017** The consensus evaluations are shared with publishers.
- October 2017** Publishers are given an opportunity to respond to the committee's reviews and recommendations.
- November 2017** The Board receives the proposed list of textbooks for first review, along with information from the textbook publishers' certifications and agreements.

- January 2018** During a 30-day public comment period, the public is invited to review copies of the books that have been placed around the state and to provide comment to the Board.
- March 2018** The Board reviews all public comment, considers the list, and approves the textbooks.
- DOE posts a list of approved textbooks with prices and information from the textbook publishers' certifications and agreements on the DOE's Web site.
- Ongoing** The public may provide ongoing feedback regarding inaccuracies in approved textbooks.