

Proclamation 2017 Publisher Webinar, April 2, 2015

Questions and Answers

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QUESTION: Will this webinar be recorded and published?

ANSWER: Yes. You can access the archived webinar at <http://swann.tea.state.tx.us/AT1/media/2015/IMET/Proclamation2017Webinar.wmv>.

QUESTION: What is the best way to stay informed about the CTE area and when/if it might be part of this adoption?

ANSWER: You can sign up for instructional materials updates at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXTEA/subscriber/new> by entering your email address and selecting [Review and Adoption under Instructional Materials](#). You can also watch live and archived broadcasts of the State Board of Education (SBOE) meetings at <http://tea.texas.gov/sboe/webcast/>.

QUESTION: How do we know if we are registered for your listserv?

ANSWER: You can review your listserv subscriptions by visiting <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXTEA/subscriber/new>. Enter your email address, click on *SUBMIT*, and then click on *SUBSCRIBER PREFERENCES* to ensure desired selections are made.

QUESTION: Can the state review panel have members outside of the state of Texas?

ANSWER: Texas Administrative Code (TAC) [§§66.30](#) and [66.33](#) outline the eligibility and appointment requirements of state review panel members. Nominations are only accepted from Texas residents.

QUESTION: Can we get this PowerPoint with dates?

ANSWER: The PowerPoint is available at <http://tea.texas.gov/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=25769820769&libID=25769820871>.

QUESTION: For languages other than English, can you specify the languages?

ANSWER: This is a district decision. You may view a list of current course offerings for languages other than English in the [proclamation](#) beginning on page 13.

QUESTION: What email address should we use to submit additional questions following the conclusion of the webinar?

ANSWER: Questions should be submitted to review.adoption@tea.texas.gov.

QUESTION: Do NIMAS files need to be submitted at the same times as the electronic samples are submitted?

ANSWER: No, please see the schedule of adoption procedures in the [proclamation](#) on pages 4 and 7. The pre-adoption electronic samples are due by April 15, 2016, and the NIMAS files are due by January 27, 2017.

QUESTION: Can you send the link for the webpage?

ANSWER: You can access the TEA instructional materials website at [http://www.tea.texas.gov/Curriculum and Instructional Programs/Instructional Materials/](http://www.tea.texas.gov/Curriculum_and_Instructional_Programs/Instructional_Materials/).

QUESTION: How do middle school LOTE classes fit into the Levels I-VII?

ANSWER: LOTE Levels I-IV can be taught at the elementary or middle school level. Districts offering middle or elementary school LOTE courses should use the [TEKS](#) for Levels I-IV.

QUESTION: How should we cite the TEKS for LOTE in an abbreviated form? (e.g. "1.2," "1A," etc.) The format of the TEKS doesn't seem to have one clear way for them to be referred to within the student or teacher materials.

ANSWER: Identify standards and parts of standards by referencing the appropriate rule from the Texas Administrative Code (TAC).

Examples:

Students understand how English is written and printed. Students are expected to: recognize that spoken words can be represented by print for communication (TAC §110(b)(1)(A)).

Or, if the grade level or course is clear from the context:

Biology (c)(1)(a) requires students to demonstrate safe practices during laboratory and field investigations.

QUESTION: How can I find archived videos of the SBOE meetings and work sessions?

ANSWER: You may view archived videos of the SBOE meetings at <http://www.texasadmin.com/tea.shtml>.

QUESTION: Are there ELPS requirements to be met for the LOTE adoption?

ANSWER: No, ELPS are not a requirement for LOTE courses.

QUESTION: Can you elaborate on the word search feature that must be present in electronic samples?

ANSWER: Each complete, pre-adoption, electronic sample must be equipped with a word search feature that would allow users to search for specific words found within the text.

QUESTION: Will the proclamation only include basal materials or will it also include supplemental materials?

ANSWER: The proclamation calls for materials that cover the TEKS. Non-TEKS-bearing materials will not be reviewed. Materials submitted for review must cover at least 50% of the TEKS in order to be eligible for adoption.

QUESTION: Is there a location on the website that lists current approved titles for any of the courses under review?

ANSWER: You may access the *Instructional Materials 2014-2015 Adoption Bulletin* at https://faulk.tea.state.tx.us/ematevi/EMATREPORTS/RptInst/EM_CURR_ADPN.pdf.

QUESTION: Why was it decided not to adopt for CTE?

ANSWER: You can watch the conversation that led to that decision at <http://www.texasadmin.com/tea.shtml>. The archived video is separated into three parts and can be found under "SBOE Ad Hoc Committee and Work Session - March 30, 2015." Parts two and three include the discussion regarding CTE and the adoption cycle.

Update: At the April 2015 SBOE meeting, the SBOE voted to include CTE in Proclamation 2017.

QUESTION: I would like more information on submitting an eBook for the EMAT system. Can I submit a word document or pdf file copy of the book?

ANSWER: The format in which instructional materials are created is at the discretion of each individual publisher.

If you are asking about the samples required by 19 TAC §66.54(g), publishers have the option to file print samples, electronic samples in an open file format or closed format, or galley proofs with the state review panels. Open-file formats are accessible by anyone through either open-source or free technologies or software. Examples of open-file format are HTML and PDF. Closed formats require the user to download and install proprietary software to view. A closed format sample might be used for a software product that has been submitted for adoption.