

HB 1605

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Agenda

- Background on instructional materials in Texas
- 2. Overview of House Bill 1605
- **3.** Instructional Material Review and Approval (IMRA) Process and Criteria

4. Q&A

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With the passage of HB 1605, the elected State Board of Education now has control over \$324,175,680 of new annual foundation school program formula funding for school systems to buy textbooks.

HB 1605 New SBOE Authority Summary





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How is public education structured to ensure students receive a general diffusion of knowledge?





The TEKS are the foundation of all content found in Texas public schools.





State summative assessments are designed to tell us whether students have learned the TEKS.





While the TEKS describe what students should know, instructional materials are the content students actually see.

What are instructional materials?







Before 2011:

- Funding was appropriated to TEA for the purchase of SBOE-adopted textbooks.
- The SBOE approved a list of textbooks that were conforming (100% TEKS coverage) & non-conforming (<100% coverage).
- School districts ordered a quantity of textbooks based on enrollment and the state paid the costs of the textbook (pro-rated for non-conforming percentages). School districts could purchase textbooks not on either list as well, but in foundation subjects would have to pay the full cost out of other local funds (i.e., a 0% reimbursement) and in enrichment subjects were provided a 70% reimbursement.

In 2011, the Texas legislature passed SB 6 to create the instructional materials allotment to replace the state's direct purchase of instructional materials for LEAs. SB 6 also:

- retained the SBOE Review and Adoption Process, but eliminated the concept of a non-conforming list and maximum cost, and set minimum approval threshold at 50% coverage of the TEKS;
- created an instructional materials allotment, which allocated funding directly to school districts to purchase instructional materials on a per-student basis;
- broadened purchase eligibility from textbooks to instructional materials, including technology, and gave school systems
 flexibility to purchase any materials desired with their instructional materials allotment; and
- required districts to certify IMA funds are only used for eligible expenses and 100% of the TEKS have been covered by ordered materials.

SB 6 changed law so that school districts could now get full state textbook funding even if they never purchased an SBOE-approved textbook, and textbook funding could now be used for other kinds of instructional materials that weren't textbooks.



School systems take a spectrum of approaches in terms of how they provide instructional materials to their teachers.



The most popular approach involves districts setting common pacing expectations, giving teachers access to content resources, and asking teacher teams on each campus to craft lesson specifics. In this approach:

- It is far less common to visit a classroom where a teacher is following a specific product throughout the year (i.e., no textbooks).
- Teachers must be given extensive planning time to engage in lesson design, in addition to time teaching students. This does not occur consistently.

Since the SB 6 shift away from textbooks, teachers have not been given enough time to build rigorous instructional materials



Teachers reported spending **7 hours per week** or **250 hours per year** developing or selecting instructional materials. What percent of materials did teachers say they typically create or find on their own?



Teachers reported being given only **3 hours 45 mins per week** on average for all planning activities.



How much planning time do teachers receive?

Average amount of time per day (rounded to nearest quarter hour)

https://www.nctq.org/blog/July-2016:-How-much-time-do-teachers-get-to-plan-and-collaborate

Number of Districts

From: The Opportunity Myth; The New Teacher Project, 2018; and, Failing by Design: How we make teaching too hard for mere mortals'; Pondiscio, 2016.

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HB 1605 returns control over instructional materials to the SBOE to support a shift back to providing textbooks as a resource for teachers





HB 1605 Accomplishes the SBOE Legislative Agenda Items Related to Instructional Materials

- C. Textbooks All local education agencies would use State Board of Education textbooks approved by State Board of Education or seek a Texas Education Agency waiver
 - HB 1605 passed which expanded SBOE authority to review and approve instructional materials (including textbooks), with new funding to LEAs subject to the requirement that LEAs must use these SBOE approved textbooks.
- D. Combine State Board of Education approval process with Texas Resource Review with State Board of Education approval of rubric
 - HB 1605 passed which repealed the Commissioner's authority to administer the Texas Resource Review. The SBOE textbook review authority has been expanded to include quality, using a rubric developed by TEA but approved by the SBOE.
- E. Align instructional materials to cover 100% of TEKS/standards
 - HB 1605 passed which repealed prior statute referencing a 50% TEKS coverage requirement, instead expanding SBOE authority to set the minimum required percentage of TEKS coverage at any percentage determined by the SBOE, including 100%.



Overview of HB 1605

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HB 1605: High Quality Curriculum

- Establishes an expanded process for the SBOE to review and approve high quality textbooks and instructional materials, supported by TEA, and repeals prior law authorizing TEA instructional materials portal and quality reviews
- Additional funding (on top of IMTA) provided to districts who choose to use SBOE-approved materials: \$40/student. An additional \$20/student for districts printing state-owned materials
- SBOE textbook approval no longer bound to 8-year cycle, no longer limited to 50% of TEKS
- Districts exempted from RFP processes if purchasing SBOE-approved materials
- Publishers must offer parent portals for instructional materials transparency
- Local curriculum reviews are established, funded, and can be initiated via parent requests, with SBOE approval of grade-level rigor rubric
- SBOE must add book/word list to the ELAR TEKS
- Teachers cannot be required to use bi-weekly planning time to create initial instructional materials unless there is a supplemental duty agreement with the teacher
- Requires the TEA to develop state-owned textbooks in certain grades & subjects, which are subject to approval by SBOE
- Provides optional teacher training on state-owned textbooks for districts to utilize, and grant program to educator prep programs to support
- Prohibits three-cueing in early literacy instruction

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The Instructional Materials & Technology Allotment was restored in HB 1 to traditional levels (roughly \$1B per biennium). HB 1605 establishes two new FSP entitlements for SBOE-approved instructional materials, in addition to the Allotment. These new FSP funds will be managed in each district's Instructional Materials and Technology Account.

	Instructional Materials and Technology Allotment	SBOE-Approved Instructional Materials	SBOE-Approved OER Instructional Materials	
2022 & 2023 Biennium	\$ 61.72 per student +\$ 11.32 per EB student	n/a	n/a	
2024 & 2025 Biennium	\$ 171.82 per student + \$ 15.58 per EB student	\$40 per student each school year	\$20 per student each school year	
Timing	Biennially	Annually	Annually	
Carryover of Funding	Yes, unexpended balances carryover	Yes, unexpended balances carryover	No, unexpended balances do not carryover	
Allowable Use of Funds	Any instructional materials and technology needed to implement those instructional materials	Only SBOE-approved instructional materials from the new process established in HB 1605	Only costs associated with printing SBOE- approved open education resource (i.e. state-owned) instructional materials	

Total allotment for the 2024 & 2025 biennium including new state aid is \$1.562 Billion or \$275.41 per-student

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HB 1605 also allows the SBOE to review instructional materials independent of a change to the TEKS, which can help address new products or new content concerns.







TEC §31.022 & §31.023 establish a new Instructional Materials Review & Approval **Process** with an expanded set of **Criteria** requiring review. The SBOE has **final authority** on approvals, the process, and criteria to be used. TEA is required to assist in conducting reviews and provide recommendations.

IMRA
ProcessMaterials are
selected for
review:
31.023(a)(1) &
31.023(a)(2)

Materials are available for in person public review: 31.022(b)(5) and via electronic samples: 31.022(b)(2), with feedback provided to SBOE: 31.022(a)

TEA uses teachers & experts to review materials: 31.023(a)(3), provides reports on reviews to SBOE: 31.023(c)

SBOE deliberates on TEA reviews & public comments, **approves** or **rejects** materials: 31.022(a) Pricing and unit ordering details finalized, posted on website: 31.025

IMRA Criteria

Materials must be reviewed based on SBOE approved criteria:

- Minimum TEKS coverage: 31.022(b)(1) & 31.023(b)(3)
- Quality: 31.023(b)(2)
- No Three-Cueing: 31.022(a)
- Suitable for grade & subject: 31.022(a)
- No obscene or harmful content: 31.022(b)(4) & 31.023(b)(4)
- Free from factual error: 31.022(a) & 31.023(b)(1)
- Physical (and electronic component) specifications: 31.022(b)(3)
- Complies with parent portal rules: 31.022(d)

TEA ensures SBOE terms and conditions are followed by publishers: 31.151





Instructional Materials Review and Approval (IMRA) Process

Standards	Quality Review				Compliance Check		
Alignment Percentage	Standards Proficiency	Instructional Design*	Suitable & Appropriate*	Factual Errors	Physical and Electronic Specifications	Parent Portal	
Materials cover a minimum % of standards as determined by SBOE	Material quality supports student's ability to demonstrate proficiency for a minimum % of the standards	Materials designed in alignment with cognitive research on how students learn * Also ensures compliance with three-cuing ban	Content in materials meets suitability requirements defined by SBOE, and other provisions of TEC (e.g., §28.002(h)) * Also ensures no obscene or harmful content under CIPA, TEC §28.0022, Penal Code §43.22	Materials do not contain factual errors	Material components meet physical and digital requirements	Materials included on parent portal that meet transparency requirements	

Possible Instructional Materials Timeline for SBOE



Components	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
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HB 1605 – Near Term Timeline Implications



2023	2024
Discuss new SBOE IMRA Process and Criteria for first content areas	 Adopt new SBOE IMRA Process and Criteria for first content areas Conduct first IMRA Process and adopt first set of materials

There are key deadlines between now and November 2024 in order for schools to begin using SBOE-approved materials in the 2025-26 school year



Key SBOE Decisions Needed Near Term



Before quality rubrics can begin to be built (Summer 2023)

• Advise on the first content areas (grade/subject) to be reviewed



Before any materials can be given final approval (November 2024)

- Approve physical & digital materials specifications requirements
- Approve parent portal requirements
- Adopt standard terms & conditions



Contracts for instructional materials have historically been executed between the State Board of Education and publishers on behalf of LEAs.

HB 1605 authorizes SBOE to impose standard terms and conditions on publishers, independent of textbook contracts¹. Examples of items included in these terms and conditions might include:

- Definitions of terms
- Length or term of contracts
- Pricing provisions
- Publisher obligations

- Customer delivery
- License rights to printed materials
- Quality standards
- Remedies for publisher default

This has the impact of giving the SBOE more flexibility over decisions. Contracts can be signed when beneficial, but they don't need to be signed.² As contracts expire, there is no need to re-issue a new proclamation for the sole purpose of extending contracts.



Title 19, Part II, TAC Chapter 66 rules will need to be repealed and/or revised due to the changes in statutory authority created by HB 1605.

Most of these rulemaking decisions will be incorporated into the IMRA criteria and process development by the SBOE.

Other rules will be addressed outside of those decisions and in September staff will provide a more thorough outline of rule revisions for the board to review.

19 TAC Chapter 66. State Adoption and Distribution of Instructional Materials

State Board of Education Rules

Subchapter A. General Provisions §66.4. Requirement for Registers. §66.10. Procedures Governing Violations of Statutes--Official Complaints. §66.15. Administrative Penalty.

Subchapter B. State Adoption of Instructional Materials §66.21. Review and Adoption Cycle. §66.27. Proclamation, Public Notice, and Schedule for Adopting Instructional Materials. §66.28. Requirements for Publisher Participation. §66.29. Websites in State-Adopted Instructional Materials. §66.30. State Review Panels: Eligibility and Appointment. §66.36. State Review Panels: Training, Duties, and Conduct §66.39. Regional Education Service Centers: Procedures for Handling Samples; Public Access to Samples. §66.41. Adding Content During the Panel Review. §66.42. Public Comment on Instructional Materials §66.43. Adding Content During the Public Comment Period §66.63. Report of the Commissioner of Education. §66.66. Consideration and Adoption of Instructional Materials by the State Board of Education. §66.67. Adoption of Open Education Resource Instructional Materials. §66.72. Contracts. §66.73. Delivery of Adopted Instructional Materials. §66.75. Updates to Adopted Instructional Materials §66.76. New Editions of Adopted Instructional Materials. §66.81. Ancillary Materials. Subchapter C. Local Operations §66.101. Sample Copies of Instructional Materials for School Districts §66.104. Selection of Instructional Materials by School Districts.

§66.105. Certification by School Districts.
§66.107. Local Responsibility.

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HB 1605 TEKS Impact – Possible Timeline for ELAR



- The SBOE shall specify a list of required vocabulary and at least one literary work to be taught in each grade level.¹
- The SBOE shall initiate the process of specifying an initial list of vocabulary and literary works not later than February 1, 2024, by requesting recommendations from the agency.²

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Beyond the required ELAR Addendum, HB 1605 allows SBOE to now determine if/when to revise TEKS in any particular content area.³



Changes in law give the SBOE more flexibility in the schedule of revising TEKS

Prior Law: 8-Year Instructional Materials Timeline Drives TEKS Timeline

- Under prior law, every 8 years the SBOE must issue an instructional materials proclamation in foundation curriculum subjects to sign new contracts with publishers.
- This often resulted in the SBOE revising TEKS on timelines to align with the 8-year cycle for adoption of instructional materials in the foundation curriculum subjects.
- The 8-year cycle has been repealed: §31.022(b)

New Law: Instructional Material Reviews Can Occur Any Year; Must Occur when TEKS are Changed

- Under HB 1605, the SBOE <u>can</u> review new instructional materials for a subject each year, even if TEKS aren't changed: §31.023(a)
- Under HB 1605, when TEKS are changed, the SBOE <u>must</u> issue a proclamation for instructional materials and adopt materials by Dec 1 of the year before the TEKS take effect: §31.022(c)(c-1) & §31.023(a)(1)(D)

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SBOE Actions to Improve Parent Transparency



- The SBOE shall adopt standards for parent portals made available by publishers.¹
- The SBOE shall determine if textbooks are available on compliant parent portals in order for materials to be eligible for additional state aid.²
- The SBOE may establish rules governing parental requests for a local instructional material review.³
- The SBOE shall approve a rubric to discern whether materials assigned to students meet grade level rigor.⁴

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Grants are provided to school systems to cover the cost of local curriculum reviews once they can begin to be implemented. Grants cannot begin to be issued until SBOE approval is provided for the rubric on rigor.

¹ Section 46 of HB 1605, TEC, §31.154 ² Section 22 of HB 1605, TEC §31.022(c) and Section 49 of HB 1605, TEC §48.307 ³ Section 6 of HB 1605, TEC § 26.0061 ⁴ Section 24 of HB 1605, TEC §31.0252

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Timeline Considerations: Initial IMRA Grade / Subject Areas



- Roughly 200 sets of instructional materials (i.e., textbooks) can be reviewed in a given year.¹ In some cases a set of materials is reviewed as a singular offering across a grade band.
- The count of all instructional materials offerings by publishers in each of the four foundation subjects for all 13 grade levels is approximately **572**.
- The count of enrichment subject area instructional materials products that have been approved by the SBOE from previous proclamations is 467
- We do not have a count of the universe of supplemental materials.
- Given it will take multiple years to do the initial review of all grades & subjects, we need to plan the order in which to proceed.

Grade Band	Subject	Language	Count of Instructional Materials Offerings Adopted by SBOE
K-2	Reading Language Arts	English	40
K-2	Reading Language Arts	Spanish	27
3-5	Reading Language Arts	English	36
3-5	Reading Language Arts	Spanish	24
6-8	Reading Language Arts	English	28
9-12	Reading Language Arts	English	46
K-2	Mathematics	English	14
K-2	Mathematics	Spanish	9
3-5	Mathematics	English	16
3-5	Mathematics	Spanish	8
6-8	Mathematics	English	30
9-12	Mathematics	English	36
K-2	Social Studies	English	9
K-2	Social Studies	Spanish	6
3-5	Social Studies	English	7
3-5	Social Studies	Spanish	6
6-8	Social Studies	English	14
9-12	Social Studies	English	27
K-2	Science	English	29
3-5	Science	English	31
3-5	Science	Spanish	25
6-8	Science	English	44
9-12	Science	English	47
PreK	Prekindergarten Systems	English	15
PreK	Prekindergarten Systems	Spanish	10
6-12	Career Development	English	13
9-12	Career and Technical Education	English	190
9-12	Computer Science	English	7
K-12	Fine Arts	English	107
6-12	Health	English	3
K-12	Languages Other Than English	n/a	115
9-12	Personal Financial Literacy	English	9
К-8	Technology Applications	English	11

Total Count of Instructional Materials Offerings

1.039

District Instructional Materials Ordering Cycles

- HB 1605 allows for current instructional materials contracts to continue through their 12-year term¹ (8-year term + 4-year renewal).
- The next set of contracts to reach the 12-year expiration are part of *Proclamation 2014* and will end on 04/30/2026:
 - Science K-12
 - Math K-8
- Districts are expecting to make science and math materials purchases for school year 2026 in these content areas and would do so without locked in pricing without SBOE imposed terms & conditions.



Instructional Materials Purchases by Foundation Subject





New Purchases Required By Phonics Rule

- HB 3 (2019) required the use of a phonics curriculum, pending TEA rulemaking. TEA rules took effect April 2022, and a compliant & non-compliant phonics textbook list was published by TEA in spring 2023.
- With the updated phonics rules many districts need to purchase new phonics instructional materials, but new funding doesn't come with TEA's phonics list, instead new funding only comes for materials approved under the new SBOE Instructional Materials Review and Approval Process.
- HB 1605 explicitly establishes the SBOE's authority to adopt an approved list of phonics instructional materials: 31.023(a)(2)(A)





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