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| DATE: | January 29, 2026 |
| SUBJECT: | Annual Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials |
| CATEGORY: | Reporting, Instructional Materials |
| NEXT STEPS: | Share with Instructional Materials Coordinators to complete certification of provision of instructional materials and ratify the responses with your local board of trustees or governing body in an open, public-noticed meeting by May 1, 2026. |

Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials Process Background

In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC) §31.1011, local school systems are required to annually certify to the State Board of Education (SBOE) and TEA commissioner that students have access to instructional materials covering all Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for all required subjects, except physical education.

Additionally, school systems are required to certify that they protect against access to obscene or harmful content in compliance with the requirements for certification under the (i) the Children's Internet Protection Act (Pub. L. No. 106-554); (ii) TEC, Section [28.0022](#); (iii) Section [43.22](#), Penal Code; and (iv) any other law or regulation that protects students from obscene or harmful content. The Certification 2026–27 Survey includes a section for school systems to certify they meet this requirement.

TEA utilizes the following tools for the Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials process:

- **Certification 2026–27 Prewrite Form:** The prewrite form is a fillable and printable PDF intended to mirror the online survey and provide guidance for successful survey completion. The prewrite form should be completed offline and presented to the board of trustees or governing body for ratification and signatures.
 - The Certification 2026–27 Prewrite Form is **available now**.
- **Certification 2026–27 Survey:** The survey is a web-based application where school systems will submit the responses collected on the Certification 2026–27 Prewrite Form and upload the signature page.
 - The Certification 2026–27 Survey will be open for submissions beginning **Tuesday, February 17, 2026**.

Required Action

The 2026–27 Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials Process requires:

- The completion of the Certification 2026–27 Prewrite Form,
- Ratification by the local school system's board of trustees or governing body in an open, public-noticed meeting, and
- Submission of the Certification 2026–27 Survey and upload of the ratified Certification 2026–27 Prewrite Form.

TEA recommends that local school systems complete the prework form and survey by **May 1, 2026**. The prework form and survey can be found at [Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials](#).

The state online instructional materials ordering system, EMAT, will close for annual maintenance on March 31, 2026, and is scheduled to reopen on May 15, 2026. Completion of the Certification Process **is required** to regain access to allotment funds when EMAT reopens in May of 2026.

Certification 2026–27 survey submissions received after May 15, 2026, are typically processed within five business days of receipt, and access to allotment funds in EMAT will follow.

Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials Process Steps

1. **Review the Certification 2026–27 Prework Form:** Print the fillable Certification 2026–27 prework form on [Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials](#).
2. **Gather information:** The form may require consultation with content area leaders or other local school system staff.
3. **Complete Certification 2026–27 Prework Form:** Complete the Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials 2026–27 Prework Form by hand or digitally.
4. **Schedule and obtain needed signatures:** Coordinate placement of the Certification 2026–27 Prework Form on the agenda of an open, publicly noticed board meeting and secure formal ratification by the local school system’s board of trustees or governing body.
5. **Submit Certification 2026–27 Survey:** Complete the online Certification 2026–27 Survey by answering the questions. Inside the survey, upload the signed Certification 2026–27 Prework Form from Step 4.

Additional Supports and Guidance

For the Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials process, local school systems are highly encouraged to:

- View detailed Instructional Materials Review and Approval (IMRA) reports for all instructional materials reviewed through the IMRA process at im.tea.texas.gov.
- Refer to the IMRA List of [SBOE-Approved Instructional Materials](#) and [SBOE-Rejected Instructional Materials](#).
- Attend the TEA webinar about the Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials Process for 2026–27 on **Tuesday, February 17th, at 11:00 a.m. CST**. [Registration](#) is required.
- Attend TEA office hours to get help and support with the Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials process; registration is required.
 - Monday, March 2nd, at 11:00 a.m. CST | [Register on Zoom](#)
 - Thursday, March 5th, at 11:00 a.m. CST | [Register on Zoom](#)
- View the [Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials Resource List | 2026–27](#)
- Request a copy of the previous year’s submission (if needed) by submitting a [Help Desk Ticket](#).

For questions about the Certification of Provision 2026–27 Prework Form, Survey, or process, please submit a [Help Desk ticket](#).

Instructional Materials Reminder/Notice

Beginning in the 2026–27 school year, local school systems may not locally adopt, use, or spend any funds to procure materials placed on the List of SBOE-Rejected Instructional Materials (TEC, §§31.024 and 31.106).