

# **Tennessee State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission**

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## **Revised Textbook Adoption Cycle**

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### **The Background:**

Tennessee Code Annotated 49-6-2202(a) states that it is the duty of the Commission to prepare a list of standard editions of textbooks for approval by the State Board of Education for use in the public schools of the state.

A revised Textbook Adoption Cycle is being presented to the Tennessee State Textbook Commission for approval. The cycle document was revised based on the input from the Textbook Focus Group chaired by the Chairman of the Commission, and content experts from the Tennessee Department of Education.

Tennessee has a six year adoption cycle for textbooks and instructional resources. During the past several years, the cycle has changed due to changes in the approval cycle for state education standards. Taking this into account, and attempting to plan more effectively for future adoptions, a Textbook Focus Group was formed to review and analyze the current adoption cycle and make recommendations which would best serve students and teachers in Tennessee. All Tennessee educators had the opportunity to join the Textbook Focus Group; it was advertised in the Director's Update sent to school districts the week of May 13, 2014. In addition, recruitment efforts were shared through communications with textbook supervisors at the local district level. The Chairman of the Textbook Commission, with the assistance of the Tennessee Department of Education, selected thirteen educators from across Tennessee as member of the group. The member's job titles range from classroom teacher to Directors of Schools.

The Focus Group, led by the Chairman of the Textbook Commission, met and had extensive dialogue over the course of this past summer. Based on the recommendations of Focus Group members, a revised Textbook Adoption Cycle was drafted. Feedback was also received from content experts at the department including members of the Division of Curriculum and Instruction, the Division of Special Populations, and the Division of Career and Technical Education.

### **The Recommendation:**

The Department of Education recommends approval of the adoption cycle on first and final reading.

Tennessee Textbook Adoption Cycle				
	Subjects			
Section	Curriculum & Instruction	Career & Technical Education*	Notes**	Curriculum Deadline
A	Instructional Technology	Advanced Manufacturing Information Technology Human Services Education & Training	Includes <i>Computer Applications</i> and <i>Keyboarding</i>	12/31/2014
B	Science PE/Wellness	Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources STEM Health Science Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Architecture & Construction		12/31/2015
C	Foreign Language Fine Arts (Art, Music, Theatre Arts, Dance)	Arts, A/V Technology & Communications		12/31/2016
D	ELA (Reading, Writing, Literature, etc.) ESL			12/31/2017
E	Social Studies	Law, Public Safety, Corrections, Security Government & Public Administration Marketing Finance Business Management & Administration Hospitality & Tourism	Includes <i>Personal Finance</i>	12/31/2018
F	Math			12/31/2019

\*Career & Technical Education subject areas are representative of the 16 Nationally Recognized Career Clusters.

\*\* Notes column includes instructional materials that are encouraged (or required) for all LEAs but are not a part of a specific subject area group.