

Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission Policy Proposal

1.100 OBJECTIVES OF THE STATE TEXTBOOK AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS REVIEW PROCESS

- A. No textbook or any instructional materials shall be approved by the commission for adoption by LEAs unless the textbook or instructional materials:¹
1. Conform to the education standards for its subject area or grade level adopted by the State Board of Education;
 2. Are free of any clear, substantive, factual or grammatical error;
 3. Meet any physical standards and specifications set by the Commission that assure durability of the textbooks and instructional materials; and
 4. Comply with and reflect the values expressed in § 49-6-1028(b), if the textbook or instructional materials are being considered for adoption as a textbook or instructional materials for education of students in general studies and specifically in United States history and this nation's republican form of government.
- B. The objectives for the Commission's selection of textbooks to recommend to the board for approval are:
1. To provide a wide variety of materials that will enrich and support the curriculum as defined by the Rules, Regulations, and Minimum Standards of the State Board of Education.
 - ~~2. To provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards.~~
 - ~~3.2. To provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum and personal needs of the users educators and students, taking into consideration their varied interests, abilities, and learning styles.~~
 - ~~4.3. To provide students with a background of information to encourage critical thinking, which will enable pupils to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives.~~
 - ~~5. To provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that users may develop under guidance the practice of critical analysis.~~
 - ~~6. To provide materials which realistically represent our pluralistic society and reflect the contributions made by these various groups and individuals to our American heritage.~~
 - ~~7.4. To place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to assure a comprehensive media collection appropriate for the users educators and students.~~

¹ Tennessee Code Annotated 49-6-2202(A)