

IC 20-20-5.5

Chapter 5.5. Curricular Materials

IC 20-20-5.5-1

"Curricular materials"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "curricular materials" means:

- (1) textbooks; and
- (2) material used to supplement or replace textbooks, including:
 - (A) books and other printed material;
 - (B) computer software; and
 - (C) digital content.

As added by P.L.73-2011, SEC.6.

IC 20-20-5.5-2

Departmental evaluation; alignment with state standards; publisher's information

Sec. 2. (a) The department shall evaluate curricular materials. The evaluation must include an evaluation of:

- (1) the curricular materials' alignment to the academic standards adopted by the state board under IC 20-31-3-1; and
- (2) the appropriateness of the reading level of the curricular materials.

(b) The department shall publish a report that describes the method used to conduct the evaluation required under subsection (a) and that contains the results of the evaluation. The report must:

- (1) provide a list of each curricular material evaluated and a summary of the evaluation for each curricular material;
- (2) be updated annually; and
- (3) provide a listing and summary review for the curricular materials that are aligned to the academic standards adopted by the state board under IC 20-31-3-1 for the following subjects for each grade level:
 - (A) English/language arts, including spelling, literature, and handwriting.
 - (B) Reading.
 - (C) Mathematics.
 - (D) Science.
 - (E) Social studies.
 - (F) Miscellaneous.
 - (G) World languages.

(c) A governing body and superintendent may use the report under subsection (b) in complying with IC 20-26-12-24.

(d) To be included in the report under subsection (b), a publisher must provide the department a written exact and standard statewide price for each curricular material.

(e) A publisher may request that an update to the publisher's curricular materials and corresponding prices replace the curricular materials set forth in the report under subsection (b).

As added by P.L.73-2011, SEC.6.

IC 20-20-5.5-3

Notification of availability of evaluation

Sec. 3. (a) The state superintendent shall notify the governing bodies of each school corporation, charter school, and accredited nonpublic school immediately of:

(1) the initial publication and annual update on the department's Internet web site of the report described in section 2(b) of this chapter, including the Internet web site address where the report is published; and

(2) updates of the following types of information in the report described in section 2(b) of this chapter:

(A) The addition of materials.

(B) The removal of materials.

(C) Changes in the per unit price of curricular materials that exceed five percent (5%).

(b) A notification under this section must state that:

(1) the reviews of curricular materials included in the report described in section 2(b) of this chapter are departmental reviews only; and

(2) each governing body has authority to adopt textbooks for a school corporation.

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