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State Instructional Materials Review Association

Kentucky State Report 2014

I. Subject Areas of Last Year's Adoption:
Due to insufficient funding from 2009-2013, Kentucky has not reviewed basal instructional materials for state adoption since summer 2009.

II. Subject Areas of Current/Next Year's Adoption:
All subject areas are open for school/district purchases

III. Allocation/Funding for Instructional Materials:
Approximately $33 million will go towards textbooks/instructional resources during the 2014-16 biennium. The amount is allocated per K-8 student enrollment in each district.

IV. Challenges/Issues You Have Faced This Year:
- New flexibility in spending textbook/instructional resource allocation

V. Format (print/digital) initiatives in your state? yes

a) If yes, how is that impacting the state process?
Kentucky's current regulations provide an option for both print and digital submissions for basal resources.

b) If yes, describe case study/pilots and highlight the number and types of digital titles.
Kentucky implemented the Continuous Instructional Improvement Technology System (CIITS) that links KY educators to digital resources to support instruction. All available resources are searchable by state standards. None of the current resources are basal. Several schools and districts are piloting 1:1 tablet or laptop initiatives; however the state department does not maintain a list of programs/titles districts are using to supplement instruction.

c) If yes, reference challenges mentioned by district and state:
- funding
- revision of evaluation instruments to align with new standards

New evaluation instruments for basal resources for the following subject areas were approved by the KY State Textbook Commission in 2013-14:
ELA (K-2)
ELA (3-12)
Science (all grades)

VI. Significant Legislative or Policy Changes/Issues Affecting Instructional Materials:
- Districts can spend instructional resource funds on instructional resources for any subject area they deem necessary to meet the needs of their district instructional plans.
- Districts shall be provided additional flexibility in the utilization of these funds. Local school districts shall continue to address the governing statutes and serve the intended student population but may utilize funds from these programs for general operating expenses in each year of the biennium.

VII. Future Subject Areas of Adoption/Changes to Cycle, if any: (See below)
None at this time