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State Instructional Materials Review Association

South Carolina State Report

I. Subject Areas of Last Year's Adoption:
The 2013 adoption cycle included the areas of Social Studies K-5, Citizenship–Civics, Economics, US Government, Western Civilization, World History, and the Career and Technology Education areas under the following Career Clusters:

- Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- Architecture and Construction
- Business, Management, and Administration
- Information Technology
- Marketing, Sales, and Service
- Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics

II. Subject Areas of Current/Next Year's Adoption:
The 2014 adoption cycle included the areas of World Languages K-12, Advanced Placement Biology, Physics and Chemistry, Advanced Placement European History and Human Geography, Law Education and the Career and Technology Education areas under the following Career Clusters:

- Arts, AV Technology and Communications
- Business, Management and Administration
- Education and Training
- Finance
- Health Science
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

III. Allocation/Funding for Instructional Materials:
Allocation of $53 million was provided for the purchase of digital and print materials for FY 2013-14. Anticipated allocation for FY 2014-15 is 29.5 million.

IV. Challenges/Issues You Have Faced This Year:
Funding of instructional materials continues to be the most challenging issue.

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

a. If yes, how is that impacting the state process?
More schools and districts in South Carolina are implementing 1:1 initiatives which increases the demand for digital materials

b. If yes, describe case study/pilots and highlight the number and types of digital titles. Current digital materials proviso for FY 14-15 provides an allocation of $12 million statewide for schools to purchase digital materials from the State Board of Education approved list for digital instructional materials.

c. If yes, reference challenges mentioned by district and state
The demand for funding digital materials and devices continues to be a challenge.

VI. Significant Legislative or Policy Changes/Issues Affecting Instructional Materials:
The digital materials proviso allows districts opting not to purchase digital materials to receive a per pupil allocation that can be used for infrastructure and/or devices.

VII. Future Subject Areas of Adoption/Changes to Cycle, if any:
The Instructional Materials Advisory Committee will meet in September to determine the subject area recommendations for the 2015 adoption cycle.