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State Instructional Materials Review Association

Texas State Report

I. Subject Areas of Last Year's Adoption:
Science, Mathematics, and Technology Applications

II. Subject Areas of Current/Next Year's Adoption:
Social Studies, Mathematics, and Fine Arts

III. Allocation/Funding for Instructional Materials:
The Permanent School Fund (PSF), established in 1854, provides the funding for print or digital instructional materials. The legislature has the authority to appropriate 50% of the PSF payout. For the 2014 and the 2015 biennium, the Texas Legislature appropriated approximately $838 million dollars.

IV. Challenges/Issues You Have Faced This Year:
The Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) changed how districts acquire instructional materials. The IMA can be used to acquire non-adopted instructional materials, technology equipment, and technology-related services.

V. Format (print/digital) initiatives in your state?
Texas did not have print/digital initiatives for the 2013-2014 school year.

VI. Significant Legislative or Policy Changes/Issues Affecting Instructional Materials:
The 82nd Texas Legislature, First Called Session, 2011, created an Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) for the purchase of instructional materials, technological equipment, and technology-related services. A school district is entitled to an annual allotment from the state instructional materials fund for each student enrolled in the district on a date during the preceding school year specified by the commissioner of education. The commissioner of education determines the amount of the allotment per student each year on the basis of the amount of money available in the state instructional materials fund. An allotment under this section shall be transferred from the state instructional materials fund to the credit of the district's instructional materials account.

VII. Future Subject Areas of Adoption/Changes to Cycle, if any:

The Texas State Board of Education (SBOE) postponed Proclamation 2016. The SBOE is tentatively scheduled to issue Proclamation 2017 in 2015. The SBOE is planning to call for Languages Other Than English and Career and Technical Education materials.