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State Instructional Materials Review Association

Georgia's 2014 State Report

I. Subject Area of Last Year's Adoption:
- 2013 K-12 English Language Arts

II. Subject Area of Current/Next Year's Adoption:
- 2014 No Review of Materials

III. Allocation/Funding for Instructional Materials:
- No change in the funding from our state legislature.

IV. Challenges/Issues You Have Faced This Year:
- The GaDOE and our local systems continue to be innovative in meeting the needs for all of our students. The SBOE is overseeing a review and evaluation of the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS) in English/Language Arts
and Mathematics.

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

a. If yes, how is that impacting the state process?
- We still review print and digital content for our state recommended list.

b. If yes, describe case study/pilots and highlight the number and types of digital titles.
- We have seven local school systems that are piloting eTextbooks to replace their print versions in the core content areas. We have more school systems that are using the Blended Model approach. In addition, there has been a significant increase in school systems and students using our Georgia Virtual School and its online materials and courses.

c. If yes, reference challenges mentioned by district and state.
    - Local school systems are still having challenges with local infrastructure, parent opt-outs, netbook loss/damage, offsite internet access, battery charging, and planning time for teachers.

VI. Significant Legislative or Policy Changes/Issues Affecting Instructional Materials:
    - State law and board policy were updated to include "any computer hardware, software, and technical equipment necessary to support such materials that constitute the principal source of study for the instruction of a state funded course."

VII. Future Subject Areas of Adoption/Changes to Cycle, if any:
The next content areas according to the current adoption cycle are:
    - 2015 K-12 Science
    - 2015 K-12 Foreign/World Languages and K-12 ESOL