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State Instructional Materials Review Association

Idaho State Report

I. Subject Areas of Last Year's Adoption:

Main Adoption- Professional Technical Education
Interim Adoption- English Language Arts 6-12
Annual Adoption (content specific)- LEP and Computer Applications

II. Subject Areas of Current/Next Year's Adoption:

(Postponed from 2014)- Mathematics
Interim Adoption- Professional Technical Education
Annual Adoption (content specific)- LEP and Computer Applications

III. Allocation/Funding for Instructional Materials:

Funding for instructional materials in Idaho is supplied based on a formula derived from support units (based on average daily attendance). Materials are then purchased based on district discretion through a collective school fund provided by the state.

IV. Challenges/Issues You Have Faced This Year:

I am extremely new to this position. I began the week before the Consensus Curricular Materials Review Week. Fortunately, the outgoing Curricular Materials coordinator was a huge support, so I was

"We at the State Department of Education are determined to create a customer-driven education system that meets the needs of EVERY student in Idaho and prepares our students to live, work and succeed in the 21st century."
-Tom Luna, Superintendent of Public Instruction

able to work with her for my first two weeks. A challenge we faced in the review was having some publisher's websites totally accessible. Some are still "under construction".

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

a. If yes, how is that impacting the state process?
Idaho's definition of curricular materials allows for a variety of instructional materials to be submitted for review. Companies are to give notice when images and/or content changes in digital materials.

b. If yes, describe case study/pilots and highlight the number and types of digital titles

c. If yes, reference challenges mentioned by district and state
The shift in making all of Idaho's classrooms 21st Century Classrooms continues to be a challenge. Technology grants are being appropriated, but not all schools who apply for technology grants are able to receive a grant.

VI. Significant Legislative or Policy Changes/Issues Affecting Instructional Materials:

During the 2014-2015 school year, fifteen schools throughout Idaho will share $3 million in technology grants appropriated by the Idaho Legislature.

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

2015: Mathematics- postponed from 2014, Humanities, Physical Education, Health, & Drivers Ed

2016: Social Studies, Economics, Character Education, Psychology & Sociology

2017: Science

2018: Language Arts K-5, Communications: Speech, Dictionary/Thesaurus

2019: English Language Arts 6-12, Communications: Speech & Journalism, Dictionary/Thesaurus

Computer Applications & LEP (content specific) are currently annual adoptions, and each content area has an interim adoption the year after its main adoption.