
**OFFICIAL LIST OF TEXTBOOKS FOR CYCLE VI/SECTION VI
Visual Arts, Music, Theatre Arts, Dance, Spelling, Literature, Driver Education,
Computer Science, Health Sciences Education, Business Technology, Marketing
Education, Technology Engineering Education, Trade & Industrial Education**

The Background:

The State Textbook Commission is legally charged with the responsibility of preparing “a list of standard editions of textbooks for approval by the State Board of Education for the use in the public schools of the state.” (TCA 49-6-2202 (a)) The law also provides that the Commission “may appoint an advisory panel of expert teachers in each subject area or grade level to advise the Commission on book selections.” (TCA 49-6-2201 (j)).

In the March 2011, meeting of the Commission, a report recommending the utilization of such a panel was accepted. The review is to be conducted under the following parameters:

- that no arbitrary number of titles to be listed for a category be established.
- that each title be measured against the criteria specified for the category for which it was bid without any effort to provide an overall ranking of books in the category.
- that the present practice of listing some titles as “alternative level texts” be continued, with the Invitation to Bid to include a specific call for books for this category.
- That the listing of books be based upon quality of content and correlation to the course content approved by the State Board of Education, correlation to national standards when such standards are available, readability (as determined by the professional judgment of expert teachers) and physical characteristics, including compliance with Manufacturing Standards and Specifications for Textbooks.

A cadre of 35 teachers have reviewed the textbooks. A team assembled by the State Department of Education gave these teachers orientation on the review process, state and national curriculum standards and current research in teaching each discipline. The orientation sessions was held in conjunction with the publishers’ hearings on June 13-17. The teachers conducted independent reviews during the month of July and have compiled committee reports for the books submitted. These reports were disseminated to the commission members and the respective publishers, The publishers have responded to them in writing and orally at the hearings on September 12-13. Some commission members also independently reviewed books and/or used

volunteers in the school systems with which they are affiliated to review the books. The Textbook Commission met on October 10, 2011, and formulated the recommended list. The Official List of Textbooks for Visual Arts, Music, Theatre Arts, Dance, Spelling, Literature, Driver Education, Computer Science, Health Sciences Education, Business Technology, Marketing Education, Technology Engineering Education, Trade & Industrial Education will be under contract from June 1, 2013-June 30, 2019.

The Master Plan Connection:

This item supports the State Board's *Master Plan* by providing a rigorous, relevant curriculum.

The Recommendation:

The Department on Education recommends adoption of the list for Section VI on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.

**The Official List of Textbooks for Cycle VI, Section VI of the
Tennessee Textbook Catalog**

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