
**Textbook/Instructional Materials Waiver Request:
Sevier County Schools (Math Adoption - Calculus)**

The Background:

T.C.A. § 49-1-302(a)(9) states that it is the duty of the State Board, and the Board has the power to, “prescribe the use of textbooks and other instructional materials, based on recommendations of the state textbook and instructional materials quality commission, for the various subjects taught or used in conjunction with the public schools.” In addition, Public Chapter 770 of 2020 provided the State Board with the authority to approve or deny waiver requests from local education agencies (LEAs) that wish to use textbooks or instructional materials that are not on the state-approved adoption list due to the unique or unusual needs of the LEA. The State Board Textbook and Instructional Materials Waivers Rule 0520-01-18 governs the procedures for LEAs requesting textbook waivers from the State Board.

In accordance with the requirements of State Board rules, Sevier County Schools submitted a limited-adoption waiver request for Calculus.

In alignment with State Board Rules 0520-01-18, State Board staff requested subject-matter experts at the Department of Education provide feedback on the proposed waiver materials’ alignment to Tennessee Academic Standards. Based on that feedback, the other criteria listed in the rules, and requirements of several state laws, the State Board staff developed the final recommendations.

The Recommendation:

Based on the subject matter review conducted by Department staff and the additional criteria described in the rule, the State Board staff recommends the following actions on first and final reading.

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Subject/Course	Recommendation
Calculus	Approve until next math textbook adoption cycle