
List of State Approved Textbooks - Section A (Advanced Manufacturing, Human Services, Information Technology, and Education and Training)

The Background:

The State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission has prepared a recommended list of Section A textbooks and instructional materials, based upon the reviews conducted by the state advisory panel.

T.C.A. § 49-1-302(a)(9) states that the State Board of Education 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.” T.C.A. § 49-6-2202(a) requires the State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission to prepare “a list of standard editions of textbooks and instructional materials for approval by the State Board of Education for the use in the public schools of the state.” The law also provides that the commission, “through its chair, may appoint an advisory panel of expert teachers and other experts in each subject area or grade level to advise the commission on textbook and instructional material selections.” [T.C.A. § 49-6-2201(n)(1)(a)]

The chair of the Commission approved the advisory panel on February 11, 2015, after a thorough review of applications. In the April 20, 2015 meeting, the Commission recognized an advisory panel consisting of 15 teachers to provide feedback for Section A.

The advisory panelists conducted independent reviews during the months of June, July, and August and submitted their reviews on June 9 (Section 1 Review) and August 24 (Final Review). The Commission met on September 18, 2015 to review the recommendations from the panels, hear publisher’s final responses to the panel reviews, and hear public comment. The Commission met again on September 28, 2015 to approve the textbooks and instructional materials to recommend to the State Board of Education. There have been changes to the list since first reading.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends adoption of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.