

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – TOPIC SUMMARY

Topic: State Instructional Materials Adoption Schedule for Mathematics

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Action Requested: Informational/First Read Adoption Adoption/Consent Agenda

ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD: Whether to revise the instructional materials adoption schedule to include both mathematics and science in 2015.

BACKGROUND:

In January 2014, ODE staff recommended the revision of instructional materials adoption process. This action was adopted by the Board which resulted in a revised schedule that moved the review of mathematics materials from 2014 to 2016 while the review of science materials remained within 2015.

At this same time, ODE staff recommended the implementation a facilitated independent adoption process for math until new legislation can be passed. This pilot independent review process of was carried out at two sites, Southern Oregon ESD and Hillsboro School Distirct, in the summer of 2014. This review process engaged over 40 teachers in these two regions in a full day training by ODE staff before they reviewed materials chosen by the school districts.

The faciliated independent adoption process has led to the development of a quality review process that can help support an improved state review of materials in the summer of 2015. A number of school districts are looking for additional support in reviewing math materials aligned to CCSS, so moving a state review of materials up will help provide needed information in a more timely manner.

As part of the revised review process, ODE staff will work to train teacher reviewers from across the state on quality indicators to CCSS mathematics and provide detailed comments that will help inform district adoption of mathematics mateirals.

POLICY QUESTIONS:

- Should mathematics materials be scheduled for review before new ORS and OAR guidelines can be passed?
- Should science materials be reviewed concurrently with math materials in the summer of 2015?

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This is a first reading of the topic to update the state board on the progress of revising our instructional materials process during 2014, and that a quality interim review of mathematics materials could be carried based on lessons learned from the facilitated independent reviews.

- ODE Staff recommend that the board adopt a revised adoption schedule in January 2015, that would move the mathematics review to 2015 along with science.
- ODE Staff recommends that reviews that occur in 2016 and beyond be designated as “TBD” and subject areas would be identified after the 2015 legislative cycle.