

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – TOPIC SUMMARY

Topic: Instructional Materials Criteria for 2014 Science Standards (NGSS)

Date: January 22, 2015

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Action Requested: Informational Adoption Later Adoption Adoption/Consent Agenda

ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

Adoption of criteria to be used in the evaluation of instructional materials aligned to the Oregon science standards (NGSS) 2013-2014.

BACKGROUND:

Criteria used in the evaluation of instructional materials are developed by stakeholders and formally adopted by the State Board of Education (ORS 337.035, OAR 581-011-0065). Instructional Materials are adopted by the State Board of Education in a seven-year subject matter cycle that results in a six-year contract with publishers (ORS 337.090 and OAR 581-011-0070).

According to Oregon Law:

ORS 337.050 (1) "The State Board of Education shall review and adopt, for periods established by the board, a list of textbooks and other instructional materials for use by school districts."

OAR 581-011-0065 (2) "The State Board of Education shall review the criteria which will be used in the evaluation of instructional materials submitted for adoption. The Board will adopt the criteria no later than its January meeting in the adoption year."

OAR 581-011-0070 (1) "The State Board of Education shall adopt instructional materials by rule prior to October 31 each year. (2) The adoption period consists of the seven-year period following adoption of an instructional materials list by the State Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of ORS 337.050."

OAR 581-011-0071 "Pursuant to 337.120, district school boards shall adopt instructional materials for each grade and subject field for which instruction is provided by the district from the approved list except as otherwise provided by 337.141."

Following adoption by the State Board of Education, school districts make the local decision to do one of the following:

- Select and adopt Instructional Materials from the State Board-adopted list (ORS 337.050 and OAR 581-022-1640)
- Independently adopt instructional materials using the state-established criteria (OAR 581-022-622)
- Postpone adoption for up to two years (OAR 581-022-1650).

The Oregon Department of Education convened teachers and curriculum specialists with experience in the Oregon science standards (NGSS) on October 24, 2014 to develop criteria for evaluating instructional materials during the summer of 2015.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: ODE staff recommends adoption of criteria, by reference, at the January 22, 2015 board meeting.