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ALABAMA TEXTBOOK PROGRAM

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290-2-3-.01 **Definitions.**

(1) Textbook. Systematically organized materials, such as hardbound books, softcover books, or technology based programs, comprehensive enough to cover the primary objectives outlined in the standard course of study for a grade or course.

(2) Committee. State Textbook Committee.

(3) Office. State Textbook Office.

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290-2-3-.02 **Purchase Of Other Instructional Materials.**

(1) Local boards of education may purchase readiness materials and softcover worktexts which have been recommended by the Committee and approved by the Board.

(2) Local boards of education which have certified to the Superintendent that all students are provided with adequate and current textbooks as prescribed in Chapter 36, Code of Ala.

1975, may purchase teacher's editions, workbooks and other materials which accompany adopted textbooks and have been recommended by the Committee and approved by the Board.

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290-2-3-.03 **Sample Textbooks.** Each publisher shall send:

(1) One copy of the student text only to one library site in each of the Board districts;

(2) Two copies of the student text, one copy of the accompanying teacher's edition, and one copy of all other materials being bid to the Department; and

(3) One copy of the student text and one copy of all other student materials to three library sites designated by the Superintendent.

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290-2-3-.04 **Public Hearing.**

(1) In July, the Superintendent shall advertise in nine (9) of the largest daily newspapers in Alabama that a public hearing will be held in Montgomery two months hence (in September). At the same time, notice of the hearing shall also be sent to all local boards of education and to each of the library sites as prescribed in .03.

(2) In September, a public hearing shall be held as announced in .04(1) above.

(3) In October or November, the chairman of the Committee shall present a brief report of the results of the public hearings to the Board, alerting Board members to any

critical issues related to books being considered and presenting the recommendations of the Committee.

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290-2-3-.05 Textbook Substitution. Each publishing company under contract shall follow the rules set forth below for substituting new materials, including new editions and technology versions, for those under contract and on the state-adopted textbook list:

- (1) Each substitution shall be made each year from October 1 through December 31, or at a time determined by the Superintendent.
- (2) All materials submitted for substitution shall be compatible with the materials under contract.
- (3) The price of each item shall be the same as the price of the old item that is under contract with the State of Alabama.
- (4) Each publisher requesting a substitution must send one copy of the old and one copy of the new material(s) with a list of changes to the Office.
- (5) Publishers shall not submit materials for substitution during the year that the curriculum area is to be considered by the Committee.
- (6) All materials submitted for substitution shall be reviewed by specialists from the Department. If the specialist(s) in the content area of the material being reviewed certifies that the substitution is compatible to the adopted material, then the material shall be submitted to the Board for action.
- (7) Each publisher requesting substitution(s) shall be notified by the Office of the Board approval or disapproval.
- (8) Each substitution that is approved will become effective on the July 1 following approval.
- (9) Each local board of education shall be notified by the Office of any substitutions approved by the Board.

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290-2-3-.06 **Local Textbook Adoptions.** No textbook shall be adopted for use in any public school of this state unless the textbook is adopted by the local textbook committee and, upon the recommendation of the local superintendent, adopted by the local board of education.

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290-2-3-.07 **Inventory Systems And Storage.**

(1) **Inventory Systems.** An inventory system which provides an accurate system of accounting for all textbooks must be maintained at the local board level. The local board must account for all materials which have been:

(a) Distributed to local schools;

(b) Stored;

(c) Given or exchanged with other local school systems; and/or

(d) Worn out or disposed of in accordance with Chapter 36, Code of Ala. 1975.

(2) **Storage.** Each local board shall provide safe and dry storage facilities for textbooks.

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