

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS/TEXTBOOK PLANS

BACKGROUND: For the first time since 2008, the General Assembly awarded schools funds for instructional materials/textbooks through the Flexible Focus Funds allocation. The Board approved those allocations this fall and schools have been working through the purchasing plan process. KDE regulations require SBDM Councils to approve a purchasing plan for the use of these funds and those plans, in turn, must be approved by the board of education and then kept on file. According to board policy, *instructional resource* means “any print, non-print, or electronic medium of instruction designed to assist students.”

Because there had been such a time lapse between these funds and earlier textbook adoption processes, KDE has advised schools that they should complete their plans to include “Off-list” purchases since there is no formal state-level adoption process in place. We have asked schools to work with their councils to present these plans as soon as they are ready, so we will be presenting the plans for Board approval as they come to us from the schools; therefore, this item will reoccur on the consent agenda for the next few months until all school plans have been received.

RATIONALE: As noted above, the board is required to approve school instructional materials plans before schools can use these state grant funds under 704 KAR 3:455.

PROPOSAL: See each attached plan.

Item	Amount	Funding Source	Recurring/ Nonrecurring	Measurable Expected Impact and Timeline

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POLICY REFERENCE: 08.232 Instructional Resources – “Schools with any grade from P-8 may purchase instructional resources using State funds in accordance with 704 KAR 3:455.”

RECOMMENDATION: A motion is in order to: approve the instructional materials/textbook plans as presented