

What subject area of textbooks will be purchased in FY 2021?

The subject area is Social Studies.

Can you outline the process and timeline for approving the FY 2021 textbook purchase?"

Timeline of Selection and Approval Process:

November - December 2019:

First we establish a textbook selection committee and selection criteria as well as request textbook samples from vendors. Members of the textbook selection committee are instructional specialists for Social Studies, Specialized Instruction, English Learners, TAG/Honors, Technology Integration/Technology Services, teacher representatives from each school, and school administrators. Criteria for review will be shared with committee members and materials will be requested for review.

January - March 2020:

Textbooks for consideration will be available for public review and feedback in all schools and Central Office. The textbook selection committee evaluates the materials and vendors will give presentations to the selection committee and anyone else interested, such as school board members, teachers, parents, etc. Then, the textbook selection committee votes on the textbooks to recommend for adoption, taking into consideration the feedback from committee members and the public.

March - May 2020:

The School Board receives a presentation of the proposed textbooks followed by the board's vote to approve or deny the selection. If the board approves the textbooks, procurement will work with the vendor(s) to finalize the contract for textbook purchase.

Post-Approval Textbook Adoption Actions:

April - June 2020:

Social studies instructional specialist develops the textbook implementation and professional development plan.

June - August 2020:

Procurement purchases the textbooks and materials. Textbook Services processes and distributes textbooks and adjunct materials to schools. Additionally, teachers receive professional development as they return to school. Professional development will be ongoing throughout the school year.