

160-4-4-.20 LEARNING RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(1) DEFINITIONS.

(a) **Learning Resources** – systematically-designed learning resources in any medium, print or non-print, that constitute principal source of study for or directly enhance the instruction of a state-funded course. Learning resources include textbooks, software, on-line material and programs and specialized formats, i.e., Braille, audio, digital, large-print or other versions. Instructional resources shall also include any materials previously defined by the State Board as “textbook/instructional materials.” The Board does not intend any change in this rule to have any effect on current or past textbook contracts.

(b) **State Learning Resources Advisory Committee (state committee)** – individuals recommended by State Board members and the state superintendent of schools and approved by the State Board to examine learning resources and to make recommendations.

(c) **State learning resources recommendation (state recommendation)**- those learning resources that have been approved by the State Board of Education on recommendations from the state committee, that identifies those learning resources that may be purchased by local school systems with state funds.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Each state committee shall be approved by the state board and shall be composed of members representative of the subject area(s)/grade(s) being recommended. They shall be selected from each congressional district by State Board members and from the state at large by the state superintendent of schools. Appointees shall include educators from public schools and the lay public.

1. Appointees shall serve until a new committee is appointed to be responsible for consideration of the same subject area(s)/grade(s).

2. The state committee shall:

(i) Assure that all learning resources submitted during the recommendation process are evaluated in local communities;

(ii) Assure that only those learning resources considered to be of the highest quality are recommended for state recommendation;

(iii) Have open meetings; and

(iv) Present to the state board a list of recommended titles.

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(b) Members of the state committee shall not have been employed within the preceding two years by any publisher, producer or distributor of learning resources. Members shall be released from the committee if they accept employment with any author, producer, publisher or distributor of learning resources while serving on the state committee.

(c) While serving on the state committee, members shall not receive any item of value from any author, producer, publisher or distributor of learning resources, except for copies of the sample learning resources to be evaluated. Members shall not sell or otherwise dispose of samples in any manner that results in personal gain.

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