

Valor Public Schools BOARD POLICY MANUAL

POLICY GROUP 2 – INSTRUCTION

SELECTION AND ADOPTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

PG-2.27

Sec. 2.27.1. DEFINITIONS

“Instructional materials” means content that conveys the essential knowledge and skills of a subject in the school curriculum through a medium or a combination of media for conveying information to a student. The term includes a book, supplementary materials, a combination of a book, workbook and supplementary materials, computer software, magnetic media, DVD, CD-ROM, computer courseware, on-line services, or an electronic medium, or other means of conveying information to the student or otherwise contributing to the learning process through electronic means, including open-source instructional material, as defined by Education Code 31.1002(1).

“Open-source instructional material” is electronic instructional material that is available for downloading from the Internet at no charge to a student and without requiring the purchase of an unlock code, membership, or other access or use charge, except for a charge to order an optional printed copy of all or part of the instructional material. *Education Code 31.002(1-a)*.

“Technological equipment” is hardware, a device, or equipment necessary for instructional use in the classroom, including to gain access to or enhance the use of electronic instructional materials; or professional use by a classroom teacher. *Education Code 31.002(4)*.

Sec. 2.27.2. LOCAL SELECTION

Valor Public Schools shall establish a team, as needed, to select instructional materials and technological equipment to be purchased with **Valor Public Schools** instructional materials allotment. The team shall make selections based upon **Valor Public Schools** instructional needs and in accordance with administrative regulations.

The instructional materials allotment team shall ensure that selected materials, in combination with any other materials in use by **Valor Public Schools**, allow **Valor Public Schools** to certify that all students are provided with instructional materials that cover the essential knowledge and skills, as required by law.

The Board shall select instructional materials in an open meeting as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, including public notice. *19 TAC 66.104(a)*.

Sec. 2.27.2.1. Notice to SBOE

Each year, during a period established by the SBOE, the Board shall notify the SBOE of instructional materials selected in accordance with Education Code 31.101. *Education Code 31.101(a)*.

Sec. 2.27.2.1.1. *Foundation Curriculum*

For subjects in the foundation curriculum, the Board shall notify the SBOE of the instructional materials it selects from the instructional materials list, including the Commissioner’s instructional materials list. *Education Code 31.101(a)(1)*.

Sec. 2.27.2.1.2. *Enrichment Textbooks*

For a subject in the enrichment curriculum, the Board shall notify the SBOE of instructional material it selects from the instructional materials list, including the Commissioner’s instructional materials list, or that it selected materials that do not appear on the list. *Education Code 31.101(a)(2)*.

Sec. 2.27.2.2. Supplemental Materials

The Board may select supplemental instructional materials adopted by the SBOE, as set forth at Education Code 31.035. If the Board selects supplemental instructional materials, **Valor Public Schools** shall certify to TEA that the supplemental instructional materials, in combination with any other instructional materials or supplemental instructional materials used by **Valor Public Schools**, cover the essential knowledge and skills for the course. *Education Code 31.035(d), (f)*.

Sec. 2.27.2.3. Open-Source Material

Valor Public Schools may adopt state-developed open-source instructional material at any time, regardless of the instructional material review and adoption cycle. *Education Code 31.073(c)*.

Sec. 2.27.2.4. Special Education

Adopted instructional materials shall be supplied to a student in special education classes as appropriate to the level of the student’s ability and without regard to the grade for which the instructional material is adopted or the grade in which the student is enrolled. *19 TAC 66.104(m)*.

Sec. 2.27.2.5. Duration of Selection

Sec. 2.27.2.5.1. *Listed Materials*

If **Valor Public Schools** selects subscription-based instructional material on the SBOE instructional materials list or electronic instructional material on the Commissioner’s instructional materials list, **Valor Public Schools** may cancel the subscription and subscribe to new instructional materials on the SBOE list or electronic instructional material on the Commissioner’s list before the end of the state contract period if:

Valor Public Schools BOARD POLICY MANUAL

POLICY GROUP 2 – INSTRUCTION

SELECTION AND ADOPTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

PG-2.27

1. **Valor Public Schools** has used the instructional material for at least one school year; and
2. TEA approves the change based on a written request to TEA by **Valor Public Schools** that specifies the reasons for changing the electronic textbook or instructional material used by **Valor Public Schools**.

Education Code 31.101(e).

Sec. 2.27.2.5.2. Other Materials

For instructional material that is not on the instructional materials list, **Valor Public Schools** must use the instructional material for the period of the review and adoption cycle the SBOE has established for the subject and grade level for which the instruction material is used. *Education Code 31.101(d).*

Sec. 2.27.3. OWNERSHIP AND DISTRIBUTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Each instructional material purchased by **Valor Public Schools** is the property of **Valor Public Schools**. Electronic instructional material purchased by **Valor Public Schools** is the property of **Valor Public Schools** only to the extent of any applicable licensing agreement. The Board shall distribute printed instructional material to students in a manner that the Board determines is the most effective and economical. *Education Code 31.102.*

Sec. 2.27.4. CRIMINAL OFFENSE

A Board member, administrator, or teacher commits an offense if the person receives any commission or rebate on any instructional materials or technological equipment used in the schools with which the person is associated.

A Board member, administrator, or teacher commits an offense if the person accepts a gift, favor, or service that:

1. Is given to the person or the person's school;
2. Might reasonably tend to influence the person in the selection of instructional material or technological equipment; and
3. Could not be lawfully purchased with funds from the state textbook fund.

“Gift, favor, or service” does not include:

1. Staff development, in-service, or teacher training; or
2. Instructional materials, such as maps or worksheets, that convey information to the student or otherwise contribute to the learning process.

Education Code 31.152.

Valor Public Schools BOARD POLICY MANUAL

POLICY GROUP 2 – INSTRUCTION

SELECTION AND ADOPTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

PG-2.27

Sec. 2.27.5. REQUESTS FOR SUPPLIES

Employees should initiate requests for instructional supplies through the Head of School or designee.

Sec. 2.27.6. EMPLOYEE TRAINING

The Board shall require the employee responsible for ordering instructional materials to complete TEA-developed training in the use of the Instructional Materials Allotment and the use of the instructional materials ordering system. Training shall be completed in accordance with 19 TAC 66.107(d).