

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
April 18-19, 2013

OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

10. Approval of textbook as recommended by the 2012 State Textbook Rating Committee for adoption in the area of Social Studies 9-12

Awarded Vendor: Bedford, Freeman & Worth Publishing
Hamilton, New Jersey

Recommended Title: Advanced Placement: European History
A History of Western Society for AP, 10th Edition

Scope of Project: Mississippi Code 37-43-21 mandates the formation of rating committees in each of the fields in which textbooks are considered for adoption and to make subsequent recommendations to the State Board of Education (SBE) of books to be adopted. Pursuant to Section 37-43-21, "the SBE shall have the power to reject any and all recommendations of the rating committees and to call for further recommendations: in no case shall the Board adopt any book not recommended by the rating committees."

The Mississippi Department of Education, through the Office of Curriculum and Instruction, conducted an initial adoption of textbooks in the areas of Math K-2, Math 3-5, Math 6-8, Social Studies 4-8 with the exception of Citizenship-6th grade, and Social Studies 9-12 with the exception of World Geography and U.S. History from Post-Reconstruction to Present. Due to a title omission during the initial rating process, an additional textbook has been reviewed in the Social Studies 9-12 instructional category.

The state rating committee reviewed the additional textbook using the same criteria provided during the initial review process.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972
As Amended

SEC. 37-43-21. Textbook rating committees; disposition of sample textbooks; use of textbook allotment for repair of textbooks; prices for new textbook purchases.

(1) For the purpose of assisting the board during an adoption, there shall be rating committees in each of the fields in which textbooks are considered for adoption. Each committee shall be composed of seven (7) members. The State Superintendent of Public Education shall appoint four (4) members of each of the committees, each of whom shall be a competent, experienced teacher who is currently teaching in the field in which the textbooks are considered for adoption. The Governor of the State of Mississippi thereupon shall appoint three (3) members of each of said committees, who shall be persons he deems competent to participate in the appraisal of books offered for adoption, in each field, for use in the public schools of this state.

(2) It shall be the duty of said rating committees to appraise the books offered for adoption in each field in which textbooks are offered for adoption and recommend eight (8) books and/or series for each adoption to be made by the board and giving the reasons for or basis of such recommendations. No book shall be recommended which does not receive a majority vote of the members of each committee. Any member dissenting from any majority vote of the committee shall make his appraisal of any book recommended or rejected by the majority of the committee and specify the reasons therefor and make such recommendations as he thinks proper. All appraisals, recommendations, and dissents if any, shall be in writing and filed with the board for its consideration upon the adoption. The travel expenses of such committees shall be reimbursed in the amount as provided in Section [25-3-41](#) and shall be paid out of the State Textbook Fund. Such rating committees shall be subject to the provisions of Section [37-43-17](#). The board shall have the power to reject any and all recommendations of the rating committees and to call for further recommendations; in no case shall the board adopt any book not recommended by the rating committees.

(3) Any and all sample textbooks that may be furnished by the publisher thereof as provided by Section [37-43-59](#) to any member of the board, the Superintendent of Public Education, and any member of a rating committee shall within one (1) year after receipt of same by said member be turned in to the State School Book Depository without cost to the State of Mississippi, and the same shall thereafter be used without any cost to the State of Mississippi in supplying free textbooks to the educable children of the State of Mississippi as now provided by law or shall be sold to the highest bidder by the board with the proceeds immediately deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Textbook Fund.

(4) No state official, state employee, school board member, school superintendent, principal, teacher or any other individual shall sell or donate sample textbooks furnished them by the State School Book Depository as part of the textbook adoption or selection process. Said individuals and public officials shall not receive payment by the state depository, any publisher or any other company for sample textbooks.

(5) School districts may annually utilize any portion of the textbook allotment for the repair of textbooks; provided, however, that school districts are authorized and encouraged to utilize the Mississippi Department of Corrections bookbinder for the repair of textbooks.

(6) Prices for new textbook purchases shall not be higher than the lowest price at which books are sold anywhere in the United States, after all discounts are allowed.

SOURCES: Codes, 1942, Sec. 6641; Laws, 1940, ch. 202; 1942, ch. 152; 1946, ch. 444, Sec. 2; 1960, ch. 310; 1981, ch. 507, Sec. 12; reenacted, 1983, 1st Ex Sess, ch. 2, Sec. 11; 1984, ch. 404, Sec. 11; 1985, ch. 395, Sec. 11; 1986, ch. 349, Sec. 11; reenacted and amended, 1987, ch. 481, Sec. 5; 1989, ch. 585, Sec. 2; 1991, ch. 568, Sec. 1; 1994, ch. 405, Sec. 3; 1996, ch. 534, Sec. 4, eff from and after July 1, 1996

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SEC. 37-43-1. Purpose of chapter; distribution of textbooks to schools and pupils; definition of "board" and "textbook".

This chapter is intended to furnish a plan for the adoption, purchase, distribution, care and use of free textbooks to be loaned to the pupils in all elementary and high schools of Mississippi.

The books herein provided by the State Board of Education, which shall be the State Textbook Procurement Commission, shall be distributed and loaned free of cost to the children of the free public schools of the state and of all other schools located in the state, which maintain educational standards equivalent to the standards established by the State Department of Education for the state schools as outlined in the Approval Requirements of the State Board of Education for Nonpublic Schools.

Teachers shall permit all pupils in all grades of any public school to carry to their homes for home study, the free textbooks loaned to them, and any other regular textbooks whether they be free textbooks or not.

For the purposes of this chapter, the term "board" shall mean the State Board of Education.

Textbook shall be defined as any medium or manual of instruction which contains a systematic presentation of the principles of a subject and which constitutes a major instructional vehicle for that subject.

SOURCES: Codes, 1942, Secs. 6656, 6658; Laws, 1940, ch. 202; 1942, ch. 152; 1944, ch. 149, Sec. 1; 1981, ch. 507, Sec. 2; reenacted, 1983, 1st Ex Sess, ch. 2, Sec. 1; 1984, ch. 404, Sec. 1; 1985, ch. 395, Sec. 1; 1986, ch. 349, Sec. 1; reenacted and amended, 1987, ch. 481, Sec. 2; 1994, ch. 405, Sec. 1, eff from and after July 1, 1994
