Instructional Materials Evaluation for Alignment: Guidelines for Textbook

Subject: Social Studies K-12

**Use the following Rubric to Rate each Criteria Indicator**

**STRONG EVIDENCE (meets 80-100%) = 5; MODERATE EVIDENCE (meets 50 – 79%) = 3; NO EVIDENCE (meets less than 50%) = 0**

**Section 1: Alignment with Standards – This is a requirement for submission.**

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| **CRITERIA** | **INDICATORS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY** | **RATING**  **5, 3, 0** | **COMMENTS WITH EXAMPLES** |
| 1. **ALIGNMENT AND ACCURACY**   Materials adequately address the  *Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness*  *Standards (MS CCRS)* *for the Social Studies.*  YES  NO | 1a) The majority of the *MS CCRS for the Social Studies* are incorporated, to the full depth of the standards. |  |  |
| 1b) Instructional materials support instruction designed to ensure that students master all *MS CCRS for the Social Studies* for the intended grade level. |  |  |
| 1c) Instructional materials reflect and incorporate the content of the *MS CCRS for the Social Studies* |  |  |
| 1d) Instructional materials present accurate, detailed content with a variety of perspectives and encourage student inquiry. |  |  |
| 1e) Materials include sufficient use of primary sources appropriate to the age level of students . |  |  |
| (2) **Program Organization**  Materials adequately address the sequence and organization of the *Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards (MS CCRS)* *for the Social Studies*.  YES  NO | 2a) Sequential organization of the material provides structure concerning what students should learn each year and allows teachers to convey the historical content efficiently and effectively. |  |  |
| 2b) The content is well-organized and presented in a manner consistent with providing all students an opportunity to achieve the essential knowledge and skills described in the *Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness*  *Standards (MS CCRS)* *for the Social Studies.* |  |  |
| 2c) Each unit presents strategies for universal access, including ways in which to improve the vocabulary, reading and language skills of English learners in the content of history – social science. |  |  |
| 2d) The materials support the development of academic vocabulary for all students and provide instruction and opportunities for student practice and application in key vocabulary. |  |  |
| (3) **Assessment**  Tools and strategies measure what students know and are able to do.  YES  NO | 3a) Assessment tools should reflect what students know and are able to do. |  |  |
| 3b) Materials address the necessity of using **historical evidence** to support critical thinking ideas. |  |  |
| 3c) Formative and summative assessment tools should provide evidence of student’s progress toward mastering the content called for in the *Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards (MS CCRS)* *for the Social Studies.* |  |  |
| 3d) Materials provide rubrics that are content-specific and provide an explanation of the use of the rubrics by teachers and students to evaluate and improve skills in writing, analysis, and the use of evidence. |  |  |
| 3e) Assessment tools include multiple measures of student performance, such as selected response, short answer, essay, oral presentation, debates and speeches, service-learning projects, research projects, certificates, and performance-based tasks. |  |  |
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| (4) **Universal Access**  Instructional materials that are understandable to all students, including students eligible for special education, English learners, and students whose achievement is either below or above that typical of the class or grade level.  YES  NO | 4a) Instructional materials present comprehensive guidance for teachers in providing effective, efficient instruction for all students. |  |  |
| 4b) Instructional materials are presented in an engaging context that are related to real world experiences and situations. |  |  |
| 4c) Instructional materials are designed to help meet the needs of students whose reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills fall up to two grade levels below and to assist in accelerating students’ skills to grade level. |  |  |
| 4d) Materials must address the needs of students who are at or above grade level. |  |  |
| **TOTAL SCORE (PART 1)** |  |  |  |

**Section 2: Instructional Planning and Support**

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| (5) **SCAFFOLDING AND SUPPORT**  Instructional planning and support information and materials specially designed for use by teachers in implementing the *Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards (MS CCRS)* *for the Social Studies*.  YES  NO | 5a) There are separate **teacher support** materials to assist teachers:   * Organize and sequence effective learning experiences for students; * Utilize instructional materials to develop a variety of effective teaching strategies for student learning; * Utilize teacher’s use of social studies and inquiry; and * Incorporate reading and writing into lessons where appropriate.   These instructional support documents support the work teachers do by providing:   * Pertinent content background information; * Examples of student misconceptions; * Resources to assist and enhance instruction (electronic, web-based, software, etc.) * Materials and equipment needed along with maintenance and safe use. * Technical support for the use of multi-media, equipment and technology resources. |  |  |
| 5b) Appropriate suggestions and materials are provided for differentiated instruction supporting varying student needs at the unit and lesson level (e.g., alternative teaching approaches, pacing, instructional delivery options, suggestions for addressing comment student difficulties to meet standards, etc.). |  |  |
| 5c) Instructional materials are accessible to students including   * Varied learning ability/disabilities; * Special needs (e.g., auditory, visual, physical, speech, emotional); * English language proficiency; * Cultural differences; * Different learning styles; and * Gender. |  |  |
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| (6) **USABILITY**  Materials are easy to use, promote  safety in the social studies classroom, and  are viable for implementation  given the length of a school year.  The information is organized logically  and presented clearly using multiple  methods.  YES  NO | 6a) The text provides clearly stated objectives for each lesson. It uses text features (e.g., titles, headings, subheadings, review questions, goals, objectives, space, print, grade appropriate type size, color) to enhance readability. |  |  |
| 6b) The total amount of content is **viable** for a school year. |  |  |
| 6c) The text incorporates a glossary, footnotes, recordings, pictures, and/or other features that aid students and teachers in using the book effectively. |  |  |
| 6d) The text and supplemental materials employs a variety of reading levels and is **grade/level appropriate**. |  |  |
| 6e) The text and supplemental materials provides ample materials that reinforce student learning through practice. |  |  |
| 6f) All supplemental materials are aligned to the text content with a clear match to content. |  |  |
| 6g) Supplemental materials provide a variety of resources for student learning activities (e.g., incorporating science journals/writing, cooperative group work, graphic organizers, etc.). |  |  |
| **TOTAL SCORE (PART 2)** |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL SCORE (PART 1 and 2)** |  |  |  |