

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
January 20-21, 2011

OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

10. Approval of textbook ratings, as recommended by the 2010 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the area of Social Studies United States History: Post-Reconstruction to Present 9-12 and United States History, Advanced Placement 9-12

- Awarded Vendors: Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin
Harcourt Publishing
Austin, Texas

Pearson Education Inc., publishing as Prentice
Hall
Upper Saddle River, New Jersey

Saxon, an imprint of HMH Supplemental
Publishers, Inc.
Austin, Texas

School Education Group, a division of the
McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.
Columbus, Ohio

Scope of Project: Mississippi Code 37-43-21 mandates the formation of rating committees in the fields in which textbooks are to be considered for adoption. These rating committees shall 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 adoption of textbooks in the area of Social Studies. Textbooks were reviewed in the following instructional categories:

- United States History: Post-Reconstruction to Present 9-12
- United States History, Advanced Placement 9-12

The state rating committee may recommend as many as eight titles in each instructional category. An item is not rated if it does not meet the following criteria:

1. The title must meet the definition of a textbook as defined in Section 37-43-1 of the *Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated*. A textbook shall be defined as any medium or manual of instruction which contains a systematic presentation of the principals of a subject and which constitutes a major instructional vehicle for that subject.
2. Courses containing sex education other than biological science courses are to include abstinence education.
3. The materials in the textbook must provide comprehensive coverage of the course content as outlined in the U.S. History: Post Reconstruction to Present Framework and the U.S. History, Advanced Placement Curriculum Framework and meets at least 80 percent of the mandated competencies.

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

MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972

As Amended

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

Textbooks Recommended by the State Textbook Rating Committee

U.S. History: Post–Reconstruction to Present 9-12

Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing

1. The Americans, Reconstruction to the 21st Century
2. Interactive Online Edition, The Americans, Reconstruction to the 21st Century
3. Premium Interactive Online Edition, The Americans, Reconstruction to the 21st Century
4. Student Premium Package Reconstruction to the 21st Century

Pearson Education Inc., publishing as Prentice Hall

1. United States History: Reconstruction to the Present, Mississippi Edition

Saxon, an imprint of HMH Supplemental Publishers, Inc.

1. America: The Last Hope Volume 2 Enhanced Basic Package

School Education Group, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

1. The American Vision: Modern Times

U.S. History, Advanced Placement

Holt McDougal, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing

1. The American Pageant 14th Edition
2. The Enduring Vision 7th Edition

Pearson Education Inc., publishing as Prentice Hall

1. America: Past and Present AP Edition
2. Out of Many, AP Edition

Saxon, an imprint of HMH Supplemental Publishers, Inc.

1. America: The Last Hope Premium Online Roadmap Access Bundle
2. America: The Last Hope Volume 1 and 2 Textbooks and Premium Online Roadmap Access Bundle

School Education Group, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

1. Brinkley, American History© 2009, 13th Edition NASTA

Textbooks Not Recommended by the State Textbook Rating Committee

U.S. History: Post–Reconstruction to Present 9-12

Pearson Education Inc., publishing as Prentice Hall

1. Colonial Williamsburg: The Idea of America

Saxon, an imprint of HMH Supplemental Publishers, Inc.

1. America: The Last Hope Volume 2 Enhanced
2. America: The Last Hope Volume 2 Basic Online Only

U.S. History, Advanced Placement

Pixton Comics Inc.

1. Pixton for Schools