## 156.410 Standards and criteria for evaluation of instructional materials and programs -- Submissions by publishers and developers.

(1) The chief state school officer shall prepare minimum manufacturing standards, delineate content specifications in accordance with the academic standards established in KRS 158.6453 for Kentucky schools in grades kindergarten through twelve (12), and formulate other criteria for use in the evaluation of instructional materials to guide the instructional resources depository established in KRS 156.412, which shall require that all materials be suitable for use with a diverse population and be free of social, ethnic, racial, religious, age, gender, and geographic bias.

(2) The Kentucky Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the chief state school officer, shall have authority to promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A:

(a) Pertaining to the evaluation, selection, and use of high quality instructional materials and programs on the state and local levels; and

(b) Relating to the agents and representatives of instructional materials and programs and the methods and procedures for use in adoptions on the state and local levels.

(3) The instructional materials depository shall properly advertise the subjects for which instructional materials adoptions will be made and notify the different publishers and developers of instructional materials. The publishers or developers shall file with the depository samples of instructional materials, filing fees, bids and bonds, and other specified information relative to the instructional materials that they desire to offer for adoption.

(4) The instructional materials depository shall:

(a) Review the bid information submitted by the publishers and developers;

(b) Verify that the bid complies with the specifications; and

(c) Prepare a list of instructional materials and programs, for consideration by the task force, indicating those in compliance with the standards and specifications and those not in compliance, detailing areas of noncompliance.

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