

156.405 State Quality Curriculum Task Force -- Duties -- Membership -- Instructional materials reviewers.

- (1) The State Quality Curriculum Task Force is hereby established to:
 - (a) Promote increased access to high quality instructional materials;
 - (b) Support school districts in the evaluation, selection, and use of high quality instructional materials;
 - (c) Provide a state-approved list of current and high quality textbooks and instructional materials to school districts that complement the educational program in Kentucky schools;
 - (d) Provide a consumer guide to schools to aid with the selection of high quality instructional materials; and
 - (e) Provide for public participation in the review process.
- (2)
 - (a) The task force shall consist of a minimum of ten (10) appointive members who shall be appointed by the chief state school officer in accordance with subsection (6) of this section for terms of four (4) years, with two (2) appointments each year, except that every fourth year there shall be four (4) appointments. A member shall not be eligible to serve more than two (2) full terms consecutively.
 - (b) All vacancies that occur on the task force shall be filled in like manner for the remainder of the unexpired terms.
 - (c) The department and the task force shall receive assistance in the instructional materials review process from professionals and lay citizens appointed to be instructional materials reviewers under subsection (4) of this section.
- (3) For the subjects of reading and writing, mathematics, science, and social studies, the task force shall:
 - (a) Select and direct the activities of the instructional materials reviewers, who shall develop and recommend subject specific selection criteria and evaluation forms to be used in a school district's selection of instructional materials and programs;
 - (b) Develop general selection criteria and evaluation forms with the help of the instructional materials reviewers and department staff to be used in a school district's selection of instructional materials and programs;
 - (c) Approve the selection criteria and evaluation forms developed by instructional materials reviewers under paragraph (a) of this subsection;
 - (d) Review the instructional materials reviewers' evaluations, and consider instructional materials or programs as it deems necessary, in order to select from them a state-approved list of high quality instructional materials;
 - (e) Provide notice of and the opportunity for public inspection of the instructional materials and programs that are included in the state-approved list and offered for adoption and use in the public schools, which may be done through the instructional materials depository;
 - (f) Select, recommend, and publish from the list provided by the instructional materials depository under KRS 156.407 the state-approved list of high

- quality instructional materials and programs; and
- (g) Publish a consumer guide and distribute it to Kentucky public schools that shall include the general selection criteria, subject-specific selection criteria, and the evaluation forms for a school district's review and selection of instructional materials and programs.
- (4) The instructional materials reviewers shall be:
- (a) Composed of a minimum of eight (8) individuals who served on the advisory panels or review committees as part of the standards review process established in KRS 158.6453 for the area or areas being considered, two (2) of whom are parents who have a child currently enrolled in public schools in Kentucky; and
 - (b) Approved by the task force based on the recommendation of the chief state school officer.
- (5) The instructional materials reviewers shall:
- (a) Develop and submit to the task force subject specific selection criteria and evaluation forms to be used by school districts in reviewing instructional materials and programs; and
 - (b) Attend meetings and training sessions as requested by the task force and the department.
- (6) (a) The chief state school officer shall appoint the following members of the task force:
- 1. Eight (8) members who have had not less than five (5) years teaching or supervising experience in the public schools of Kentucky and shall have had at the time of their appointment at least four (4) years of college training in a recognized institution of higher education, of whom:
 - a. Two (2) members who are classroom teachers or instructional coaches actively employed in the public schools of Kentucky as teachers or instructional coaches in subject field or fields for which the task force will select instructional materials; and
 - b. Six (6) members who are principals, instructional supervisors, or superintendents of public schools or public school systems;
 - 2. At least one (1) member who is a member of the faculty of a public institution of higher education engaged in teacher preparation; and
 - 3. At least one (1) member who is a lay citizen who has a child enrolled in a public school at the time of appointment.
- (b) In appointing the members of the task force, the chief state school officer shall give due regard to representation from rural and urban areas and from elementary, middle, and high school levels.
- (7) Members of the task force and the instructional materials reviewers shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary travel and expenses while attending meetings at the same per diem rate promulgated in administrative regulation for state employees under KRS Chapter 45. The department shall provide funds to school districts to cover the cost of substitute teachers for those teacher

members of the task force at the rate established for substitute teachers at each school district.

- (8) The meetings of the task force shall be open to the public, and notice of meetings shall be given in accordance with KRS 61.805 to 61.850.
- (9) Not later than May 1 each year, if funding is available, the chief state school officer shall call the task force into session. The members of the task force shall elect one (1) of its voting members as chair.
- (10) At the direction of the chief state school officer, the task force may select, recommend, and publish instructional materials in subjects beyond reading and writing, mathematics, science, and social studies to be added to the state-approved list. The review and selection process shall be in accordance with KRS 156.395 to 156.476.

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