

**156.445 Only state-approved instructional material or program to be used as core comprehensive resource -- Exceptions -- When changes to be effective -- Approval of materials for private and parochial schools.**

- (1) Instructional materials or programs for reading and writing, mathematics, science, and social studies shall not be used in any public school in Kentucky as a core comprehensive resource unless they have been recommended and listed on the state-approved list by the State Quality Curriculum Task Force, or unless a school and district has met the notification requirements under subsection (2) of this section. Any changes of instructional materials made by the task force shall not become effective until grades and classes of school districts have completed work for which the adopted materials then in use were originally intended. This section shall not apply to the supplementary materials that are needed from time to time.
- (2) The superintendent of a school district shall submit a notification to the department if the school district plans to adopt instructional materials or a program as a core comprehensive resource for reading and writing, mathematics, science, or social studies that is not on the state-approved list by submitting evidence that the instructional materials or program it has chosen meets the selection criteria of the task force in KRS 156.405(3)(a) or (b) and the subject specific criteria of the textbook reviewers pursuant to KRS 156.407(4) and complies with the required specifications.
- (3) In approving text materials for private and parochial schools for the purpose of KRS 156.160(2) the text materials shall be approved if they are comprehensive and appropriate to the grade level in question notwithstanding the fact that they may contain elements of religious philosophy.

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**History:** Amended 2025 Ky. Acts ch. 113, sec. 3, effective June 27, 2025; and ch. 113, sec. 22, effective July 1, 2026. -- Amended 2000 Ky. Acts ch. 419, sec. 11, effective July 14, 2000. -- Amended 1996 Ky. Acts ch. 362, sec. 6, effective July 15, 1996. -- Amended 1992 Ky. Acts ch. 266, sec. 6, effective July 14, 1992. -- Amended 1990 Ky. Acts ch. 476, Pt. I, sec. 32, effective July 13, 1990. -- Amended 1984 Ky. Acts ch. 297, sec. 2, effective July 13, 1984. -- Amended 1978 Ky. Acts ch. 136, sec. 5, effective July 1, 1979; and ch. 155, sec. 160, effective June 17, 1978. -- Created 1952 Ky. Acts ch. 184, sec. 10.

**Legislative Research Commission Note (7/1/2026).** This statute was amended by 2025 Ky. Acts ch. 113, secs. 3 and 22, which do not appear to be in conflict and have been codified together.