
State Board of Education Instructional Materials Review Template

The Background:

Legislation was introduced that called for the state board to develop and approve a template for LEAs to use to review instructional materials and to make the findings available for parents to consider. State board staff met with the sponsor and agreed to present such a template for the state board to consider. The sponsor agreed to hold the legislation pending state board action. This template, if approved, will be made available to LEAs for their consideration; LEAs may or may not elect to adopt or modify the template as they see fit.

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends acceptance of the template on first reading.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS¹ REVIEW TEMPLATE²³

	None	Mild	Moderate	High	Additional Comments
Strong Language					
Violent Content					
Sexual Content					

¹ “Instructional Materials” may include, but are not limited to books assigned as required reading during the academic year or summer, periodicals, research articles, and other required non-textbook reading material.

² This instructional materials review template is presented as a permissive tool for use by local education agencies and is designed to increase communication between school districts, schools, teachers, parents and the community. The reviews are based upon the viewpoint of the reviewer(s) and do not reflect the views of the State Board of Education or the State of Tennessee. Local education agencies have permission to make additions, deletions, or modifications to this template.

³ This review template is not intended for review of voluntary reading material or for non-required materials in school media centers or public libraries. It is not intended for use by local education agencies or others as a mechanism for eliminating instructional materials or other reading materials.