Instructional Materials Adoption Update
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Legislation from the 82nd Texas Legislature, First Called Session, 2011, created an Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) for the purchase of instructional materials, technological equipment and technology-related services. The Department of Curriculum is in the selection process of instructional materials to be used in 2014-15 in the following areas:

- K-8 Math
- K-12 Science
- CTE
- AP World History
- AP U.S. History

Curriculum Coordinators in the affected content areas have:

- Secured teacher recommendations from campus administrators in order to form their IMA committees
- Sought input from Technology
- Held meetings to introduce the IMA process, and to explore the materials and rate them in terms of TEKS alignment, breadth and depth of content coverage provided, and other criteria using district-designed, content-specific rubrics.
- Brought in publisher representatives to provide an overview of their products and answer committee member questions

The IMA Committee activities during the fall semester provided the data needed to narrow down the field of viable materials for selection. These materials were made available for a public viewing on January 27 from 2:00 – 7:00 pm.

IMA committee members are now completing campus-based tasks that make up the final stages of the IMA selection process. These tasks require that teachers study the resources under consideration closely as they use them to plan lessons for classroom use. Teachers utilize rubrics to record their assessment of the materials under consideration.

The IMA process was thoughtfully designed to ensure maximum stakeholder input and in-depth examination of the materials available for consideration. The process provides ample data from a variety of stakeholders that will be used to determine a recommendation for selection and purchase of instructional materials that are aligned to the TEKS as well as to the PISD approach to curriculum and instruction in each of the affected content areas. A formal recommendation will be submitted for each content area at the March board meeting for board consideration and approval.