



## High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) and Instructional Materials Review and Approval (IMRA) Process

Ensuring success for every Texas student post-graduation is a goal that can be achieved when students have access to rigorous, on-grade-level instructional materials. Following recommendations from the 2022 Teacher Vacancy Task Force, the Texas Legislature took a significant step toward ensuring these materials are available to educators with the passage of House Bill (HB) 1605. HB 1605 established a new Instructional Materials Review and Approval (IMRA) process for the State Board of Education (SBOE) to evaluate and approve high-quality instructional materials.

### What are High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM)?

- ▶ HQIM are curricular resources that ensure full coverage of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), align with research-based instructional strategies in each subject area, support all learners, and include implementation support for teachers.
- ▶ HQIM are optional resources. School systems can continue using their existing materials or they may select to adopt SBOE-approved high-quality instructional materials. This flexibility allows school system leaders to tailor instructional materials to the unique needs of their students, ensuring a personalized and effective learning experience.
- ▶ In addition to existing IMTA funding, school systems are entitled to additional funding if they select any materials included on the SBOE's HQIM list. Districts that use OER will also receive a second stream of additional funding to help defray printing and implementation costs.
- ▶ Teachers using vetted materials adopted by the SBOE IMRA process are afforded certain employment protections.
- ▶ Parents play a crucial role in their child's education. Parents will have access to an online parent portal where they can view all the instructional materials their child's district has adopted. This tool further empowers parents, allowing them to stay involved and informed.

### Instructional Materials Review and Approval (IMRA) Process

- ▶ The SBOE has approved a set of IMRA criteria and an IMRA process.
  - IMRA criteria define what is being reviewed in the submitted instructional materials.
  - IMRA process outlines how instructional materials will be reviewed.
- ▶ All materials will require official review in the IMRA process by the SBOE to be approved as HQIM.
- ▶ HQIM must perform at a high level on a research-based quality rubric established by the SBOE, ensuring that only the best materials are available to be used in Texas classrooms.
- ▶ SBOE has final authority on approvals, the process, and the criteria used.
- ▶ The Texas Education Agency has assisted the SBOE with recruiting reviewers including teachers and other curriculum experts to conduct these reviews and provide recommendations to the SBOE.



**\$540M New Funding Resources for HQIM**



HB 1605 significantly boosts instructional materials funding, providing an additional \$540 million for school systems that choose SBOE-approved high-quality instructional materials.