

K - 12 Subcommittee

Wednesday, January 7, 2015 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. 17 HOB

Meeting Packet



AGENDA

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Welcome/Introduction of Members
- IV. Meeting Protocols
- V. Overview of K-12 Education System
- VI. Overview of Instructional Materials Selection and Adoption Process
- VII. Adjournment



House K-12 Education Committee

Pam Stewart, Commissioner of Education January 7, 2015



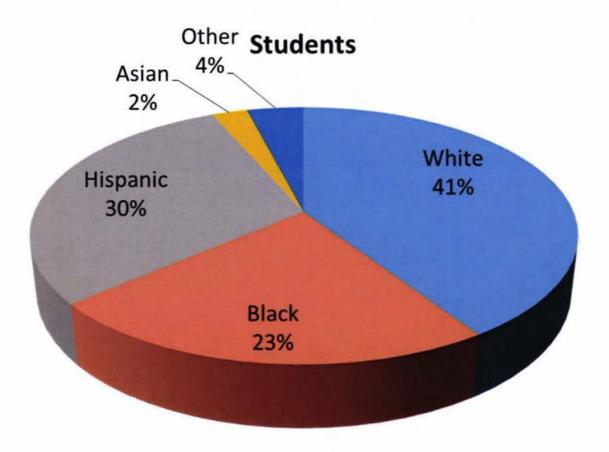
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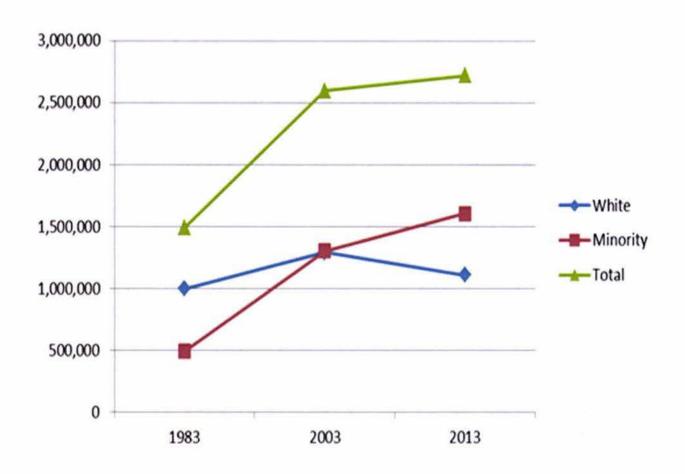


2.7+ Million Students PK-12 Student Demographics





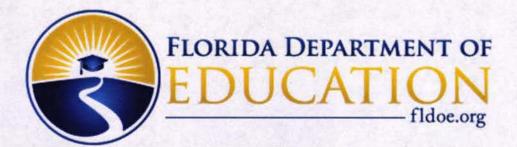
Changes in Our Student Population





Student Demographics

- 58% Free/Reduced-Price Lunch
- 13% Students with Disabilities
- 10% English Language Learners



Governance



The Legislature

- Establishes education policy
- Enacts education law
- Appropriates and allocates education resources



State Board of Education (SBE)

- Chief implementing and coordinating body of public education focused on high-level decision making
- Oversees the enforcement of all laws and rules
- Provides timely direction, resources, assistance, intervention when needed, and strong incentives and disincentives to force accountability results



Commissioner of Education

- Chief educational officer and helps the board enforce compliance with the mission and goals of the system
- Operates all statewide functions necessary to support the SBE, including strategic planning and budget development, general administration, assessment and accountability
- Implements a program of school improvement and education accountability so that all students have the opportunity to make adequate learning gains in each year of school while recognizing that the district school board is responsible for school and student performance and that the individual school is the unit for education accountability



K-12 System

- Provides 13 consecutive years of instruction beginning with kindergarten
- Provides instruction for students with disabilities, gifted students, limited English proficient students and the Department of Juvenile Justice programs
- Funding provided for support and maintenance from state, districts, federal and other lawful sources or combinations of sources



School District

- Each county constitutes a school district, the unit for the control, organization and administration of schools
- Responsible for the actual operations and administration of all schools needed in conformity with rules and minimum standards prescribed by the state
- Includes all public schools, classes and courses of instruction and all services and activities directly related to education in that district



Local Control - School Boards

- Operate, control, and supervise all free public schools...and may exercise any power except as expressly prohibited by the State Constitution or general law. (s. 1001.32(2), F.S.)
- After considering recommendations submitted by superintendent, exercise general powers: perform duties...assigned to it by law or by rules of SBE or commissioner and, in addition...those that it may find to be necessary for the improvement of the district school system in carrying out purposes and objectives of education code. (s. 1001.41(5), F.S.)
- Requirement that all laws and rules of the SBE or of the district school board are properly enforced. (s. 1001.41(15), F.S.)



Basic Roles

Superintendents

School Boards

Recommend and Execute

Adopt



Florida Constitution Article IX

<u>Superintendents</u>

Provides that superintendent is in each school district and is elected at general election for four year term; or, when provided by resolution of district school board, or by special law, approved by vote of electors, superintendent may be employed as provided by general law

School Boards

Operate, control and supervise all free public schools within school district and determine rate of school district taxes

Two or more school districts may operate and finance joint educational programs



Statutory Basis

<u>Superintendents</u>

- s. 1001.32 Management, Control, Operation, Administration and Supervision
- s. 1001.49 General Powers of District School Superintendent
- s. 1001.51 Duties and Responsibilities of District School Superintendent

School Boards

- s. 1001.32 Management, Control, Operation, Administration and Supervision
- s. 1001.41 General Powers of District School Board
- s. 1001.42 Powers and Duties of District School Board
- s. 1001.43 Supplemental Powers and Duties of District School Board



General Duties of Superintendents

- General Oversight
- Advise, Counsel and Recommend to School Board
- Recommend Policies
- Recommend and Execute Rules
- Recommend and Execute Minimum Standards
- Perform Duties and Exercise Responsibilities



General Duties of School Boards

After considering recommendations submitted by superintendent, school board shall exercise the following general powers:

- Determine policies and programs
- Adopt rules
- Prescribe and adopt standards and policies
- Contract, sue and be sued
- Perform duties and exercise responsibilities assigned to it by law/SBE rule
- Assign students to school
- Enter into agreements to accept credit cards, etc.



Personnel

Superintendents

PERSONNEL

Responsible, as required herein, for directing the work of the personnel, subject to the requirements of chapter 1012

<u>School Boards</u>

PERSONNEL

Designate positions to be filled, prescribe qualifications for those positions, and provide for the appointment, compensation, promotion, suspension, and dismissal of employees, subject to the requirements of chapter 1012



School Improvement/ Accountability

Superintendents

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Recommend procedures for implementing and maintaining a system of school improvement and education accountability as provided by statute and SBE rule

School Boards

IMPLEMENT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Maintain a state system of school improvement and education accountability as provided by statute and SBE rule

This system of school improvement and education accountability shall be consistent with, and implemented through, the district's continuing system of planning and budgeting required by statute and shall comply statute



Courses of Study

Superintendents

COURSES OF STUDY AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL AIDS

Recommend such plans for improving, providing, distributing, accounting for and caring for textbooks and other instructional aids as will result in general improvement of the district school system, as prescribed in chapter 1006

School Boards

COURSES OF STUDY AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Provide adequate instructional materials for all students in accordance with the requirements of chapter 1006

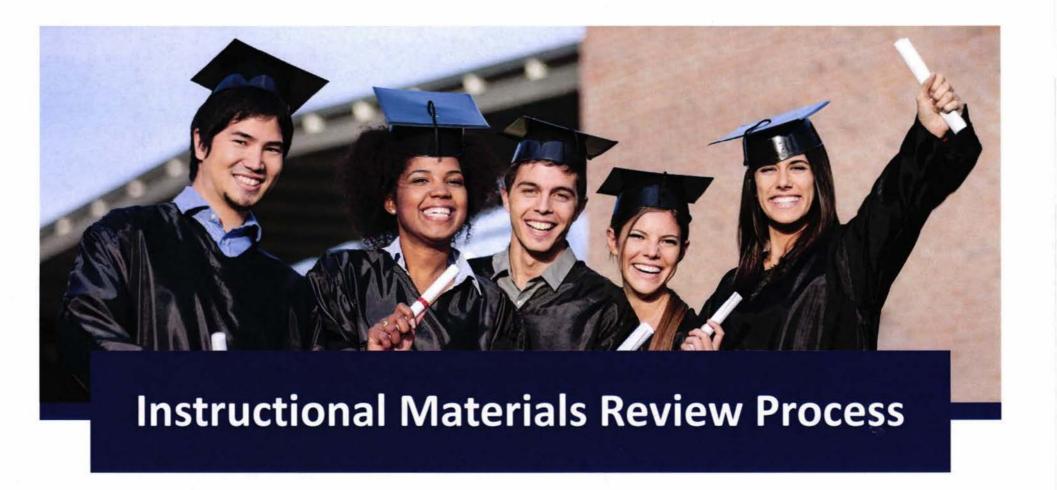


Principal

Responsible for the administration of the school, supervising instruction and providing leadership in the development or revision and implementation of a school improvement plan



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Types of Instructional Materials Review

- There are two processes defined in statute with regard to instructional materials review:
 - State process section <u>1006.29</u> Florida Statutes
 - District process section <u>1006.283</u> Florida Statutes
- Reviewers in both processes must evaluate in accordance with section 1006.31 Florida Statutes.



State Instructional Materials Review

- Every year by April 15, the commissioner appoints state or national content experts to review the instructional materials bid for adoption
- All reviewers complete online training
- Each reviewer files an affidavit with the department in accordance with section <u>1006.30</u>
 Florida Statues



State Instructional Materials Review

- The review is conducted, and the materials are accessed, online
- Reviewers examine the materials for the following:
 - Alignment to standards
 - Level of instructional support
 - Accuracy
 - Appropriateness of progression of introduced content



State Instructional Materials Review

- Initial review is conducted by experts in the content area
- District superintendents are requested to nominate a classroom teacher or district-level content expert to review a few of the recommended submissions
- The review process is also open to the public to provide comment on recommended submissions



District Responsibilities



District School Board Instructional Materials Responsibilities

- Each year, the district school superintendent must certify to the department that the instructional materials for core courses "are aligned with all applicable state standards and have been reviewed, selected, and adopted by the district school board in accordance with the school board hearing and public meeting requirements."
- Notify parents, in writing, of the ability to access their child's instructional materials through the district's local instructional improvement system
 - This notification must be prominently displayed in the school district's website. In addition, each principal must communicate to parents how instructional materials will be used to implement the curricular objectives of the school



District School Board Instructional Materials Review

- Beginning in 2013, a district school board or consortium of school districts have the authority to implement their own instructional materials program independent of the state process
 - Allow districts to spend 100% of allocation
- The district school board sets its own adoption cycle
- The district school board must adopt rules regarding the selection of reviewers, one or more of whom must be parents with children in public schools
- Reviewers involved in the district process must provide an affidavit similar to that required for state-level reviewers



District School Board Instructional Materials Review

- As part of the review process, student editions of recommended materials must be publically accessible online at least twenty days before:
 - An open, noticed school board hearing to receive public comment on the materials
 - An open, noticed public meeting to approve an annual instructional materials plan



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Instructional Materials - Palm Beach District



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

ADOPTION PROCESS

POLICY 8.122 SELECTION AND ADOPTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

- Teacher, specialist and lay citizen committee members will be appointed from nominations submitted by principals and/or District curricular staff.
- Community representation on District adoption committees is encouraged. Lay citizens are Palm Beach County residents who are not professionally connected with education, such as professional or educational consultants. Lay citizens selected to serve on adoption committees may be any resident of Palm Beach County, or adult student or parent of a child attending public school in Palm Beach County or School Advisory Council members.
- District committee meetings will be open to the public. Public notification
 of adoption committee meeting dates and times will provided to the
 Public Affairs Office.

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POLICY 8.122 SELECTION AND ADOPTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

- Parents and the general public will be notified through the Public Affairs office of the materials being recommended for adoption prior to a regular Board meeting allowing them to review the materials under consideration.
- *Any parent or member of the public may make arrangements to review instructional materials by contacting the Instructional Materials Department.
- A parent may contest any materials under consideration by following Board Policy 8.1205, Challenge Procedures for Instructional Materials.

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*** The Instructional Materials Department maintains a library of all currently adopted student and teacher materials used within the district. (print & digital)

POLICY 8.1205 CHALLENGE PROCEDURES FOR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

- Grievance Procedures Concerning Instructional Materials Including Textbooks, Library Media Materials, and Supplemental Classroom Instructional Materials
- Any resident of Palm Beach County, or adult student or parent of a child attending public school in Palm Beach County may file a complaint with a school concerning the use of a particular textbook, library book, or non-print media.
- 1. School Level: Informal Complaint
- 2. School Level: Formal Complaint
- 3. District Level: Formal Appeal
- 4. Board Level Appeal

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 At the beginning of each school year parents will be notified of their child's ability to access his or her instructional materials online. (Edline Portal)





Instructional
Materials - Seminole
County District



POLICY 4.30+, 4.32+ INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SELECTION AND PROGRAM

- Minimum membership of each District Instructional Materials Adoption committee;
 - one district curriculum (chairperson), one school administrator, four teachers, one lay person. Nominations submitted by schools.
- Lay citizens are Seminole County residents who are not professionally connected with education.
 - Lay citizens selected to serve on adoption committees may be any resident of Seminole County, a parent of a child attending public school in Seminole County, or an adult Seminole County student.
- District preview nights and adoption committee meetings are open to the public.



POLICY 4.30+, 4.32+ INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SELECTION AND PROGRAM

- Notification of adoption previews, committee meeting dates, and times are provided through schools, the district Communications officer, and posted on the district website.
 - A preview night invitation is sent to schools.
 - The district hosted "preview night", of any instructional materials being considered for adoption review, is provided on the district website under Public Meetings.
 - A listing of all instructional materials and meeting times for adoption review committees is posted on the district website under Public Meetings.
 - The public is further notified by posting of the materials being recommended for School Board adoption prior to a regular Board meeting.



POLICY 4.30+, 4.32+ INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SELECTION AND PROGRAM

- Sample Instructional materials can be reviewed online, or in print by request.
- A listing of all currently adopted district instructional materials is maintained on the district website.
- Parents will be notified of their child's ability to access his or her digital instructional materials online and in written format, each school year.
- Materials under adoption consideration, or after School Board adoption, can be contested by following Board Policy 4.36 Objection to Instructional and/or Media Materials.



POLICY 4.36 OBJECTION TO INSTRUCTIONAL AND/OR MEDIA MATERIALS

- Grievance Procedures Concerning Instructional Materials Including Textbooks, Library Media Materials, and Supplemental Classroom Instructional Materials
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CHALLENGED MATERIAL

OBJECTION TO INSTRUCTIONAL AND/OR MEDIA MATERIAL 4.36 The following procedures shall apply to all objections to instructional materials adopted by the district School Board...... may contest the district school board's adoption of a specific instructional material by filing a petition, on form (#479) Objection to Instructional and/or Media Material, within 30 calendar days after the adoption of the material by the school board.



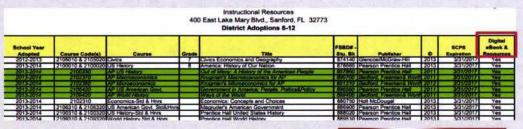
 The school district will notify parents of their ability to access their children's instructional materials online.

http://www.scps.k12.fl.us/



Notifications through

- District website
- School websites
- Social Media
- Learning Management System
 - district implementing new system adopted by SB in November)





 Each school year the school district will notify parents of their ability to access their children's instructional materials, in written format.



Notifications in written format are still being determined-may include;

- Learning Management System
- The district school calendar & parent guide available digitally or in print
- District and school newsletters
- The student code of conduct
- Student planners provided yearly

