

22 BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS AND TREATMENT OF MINORITIES

TABLE 1.—Practice of furnishing free textbooks and sources of authority for such practice

Item 1	Elementary schools 2	Secondary schools 3
When free textbooks are furnished, this practice is— Mandatory by statute.....	32 States: Alabama, ¹ Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Kansas, ² Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Wyoming.	23 States: Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Wyoming.
Permissive by statute.....	2 States: Oklahoma, West Virginia. ³	2 States: Oklahoma, West Virginia. ³
Mandatory by State department policy.	1 State: Alaska.....	1 State: Alaska.
Mandatory by statute and by State department policy, subject to voter approval.	1 State: South Dakota.....	
Textbooks are not furnished free.	11 States: Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, New York, North Dakota, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin.	18 States: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin.
Textbooks are not furnished free, but can be furnished free by the following practices in the named States:		
Permissive by statute; subject to approval by local voters.	2 States: Colorado, Michigan.....	2 States: Colorado, Michigan.
Permissive by State department policy.	1 State: Idaho.....	1 State: Idaho.
Permissive by statute.....	3 States: North Dakota, Virginia, Washington.	3 States: North Dakota, Vermont, Washington.
Subject only to approval of local voters; no data on existing statute or State department policy.	2 States: Iowa, Wisconsin.....	2 States: Iowa, Wisconsin.
Permissive by State department policy; subject to approval by local voters.	1 State: New York.....	1 State: New York.
No data on free textbooks.....	3 States: Indiana, Missouri, New Jersey.	6 States: Alabama, California, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, New Jersey.

¹ Grades 1 through 3.

² Textbooks are furnished free by mandatory statute only for indigent children, if approved by local board and included in budget.

³ Free textbooks are furnished in only 9 of 55 counties; action requires approval by local voters.

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