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CHAPTER 2. ELEMENTARY TEXTBOOKS

ARTICLE 1. ADOPTION

"Elementary schools" defined

9301. The term "elementary schools" as used in this chapter (commencing with Section 9301) includes all public schools, except junior high schools, in which instruction is given in the first to the eighth grades, inclusive, or in any one or more of such grades.

Cross Reference: For provisions for free texts for pupils, see Constitution Art. IX, Sec. 7.

Adoption of textbooks, supplementary textbooks, and teachers' manuals

9302. The State Board of Education shall adopt one or more basic textbooks in each of the subjects prescribed for the elementary schools by Section 7604 of this code, except in art and in foreign language. The board may adopt a single textbook covering two or more of these subjects. The board may adopt other textbooks, supplementary textbooks, and teachers' manuals for use in the elementary schools. The board may adopt teachers' manuals for use in the kindergarten schools. The board shall determine the grade or grades for which each basic textbook, other textbook, supplementary textbooks, and teachers' manual is adopted.

The board shall determine the period for which each basic textbook, other textbook, supplementary textbook, and teachers' manual is adopted, which period shall not be less than four years nor more than eight years. After an original adoption period has expired, the board may extend the adoption period of such books for not less than one year nor more than four years.

Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the governing board of any school district, or any county library from ordering and purchasing such supplementary textbooks as are required.

(Amended by Stats. 1963, Ch. 1051.)

Cross Reference: For special classes, see Secs. 5801-5802.

For textbooks to be used in elementary joint district, see Sec. 2097.

Specifications for textbooks

9303. The State Curriculum Commission shall recommend to the State Board of Education, specifications for textbooks for uniform use in the schools of the State so that the textbooks adopted shall conform to the minimum standard for courses of study.

Cross Reference: For general provisions relating to State Curriculum Commission, see Sec. 7501 et seq.

Curriculum commission recommendations

9304. The State Curriculum Commission may also study the textbooks submitted to the State Board of Education for adoption and make recommendations thereon to the State Board of Education. The State Curriculum Commission shall give preference to California-produced books of equal or superior merit. The State Curriculum Commission may, without at the time furnishing vouchers and itemized statements, draw from funds appropriated for publishing, purchasing and shipping free textbooks a sum not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). The sum shall be used as a revolving fund for the purpose of having manuscripts of proposed textbooks prepared.

Cross Reference: For general provisions relating to State Curriculum Commission, see Sec. 7501 et seq.

Public hearing

9305. The State Board of Education shall give the State Curriculum Commission a public hearing before making any adoption of textbooks for use in the elementary schools of the State.

Public inspection

9306. Before final adoption of a textbook, it shall be made available for public inspection for 30 days in not less than 10 public libraries as directed by the State Board of Education.