

Curriculum Adoption Cycles: Which States Are Building Approved Lists?

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A significant portion of states — although not all — follow a curriculum adoption cycle, in which every few years education leaders review and potentially change the academic standards for a subject, such as math or English language arts, and put together updated lists of vendors that meet their new expectations.

Others have drifted away from that cyclical cadence, but still compile and release an approved list of materials.

As of September 2026, *EdWeek Market Brief* confirmed at least 19 states plan to update their approved and adopted materials lists across nine different subject areas by the end of 2028.

Following state efforts to build these resources is critical for education companies, as they impact which subject is in the national spotlight and companies plan their research and development, marketing, and sales strategies around that timeline.

EdWeek Market Brief is tracking upcoming adoption cycles by identifying states that request education companies submit materials for review, and that have announced future dates. (Other states may build approved lists based on existing third-party reviews or without asking for a vendor submission.)

Bookmark this page and check back for new information, we will be reviewing and updating this tracker regularly.

Upcoming approved material lists and state adoption cycles

Not all states follow a curriculum adoption cycle or create statewide lists of approved materials. This is a visualization of the states that do.

The schedule for each subject below reflects the calendar year during which the state review of curriculum materials begins. States are listed by date of first adoption, then alphabetically.

Hover for more information and use the drop down to filter by topic area.

All								
Arts								
Career and Technical Education								
Early Childhood Education								
English/Language Arts								
Health/Physical Education								
Mathematics								
Other								
Science								
Social Studies								
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
Alabama	Other	Other	Health/PE	Math	Other	ELA		
		CTE	Health/PE	CTE		CTE		
			CTE					
California	ELA							
Florida	Social Studie...	Science	ELA	CTE				
				Health/PE				
				Arts				
				Other				
Hawaii	Science							
	Social Studie...							
Indiana	ELA	Math	ELA	Early Ed				
	Early Ed			Science				
	Science			Other				
	Other							
	Other							
	Math							
Louisiana	Science	Early Ed						
	Social Studie...	Math						
	Other	ELA						
		ELA						
		Science						
		Social Studie...						
Michigan	ELA							
	ELA							
Mississippi	CTE	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other		
	ELA	Other	CTE	Arts	CTE	CTE		
		CTE	Other	CTE	Other	Other		
		Other	Math	Other	Health/PE	ELA		
				Social Studie...	Science			
					Health/PE			
New Mexico	ELA	Social Studie...	CTE	Science				
	Other	Arts	Health/PE					
	Other		Health/PE					
	Other		Other					
	Other		Other					
	ELA							
North Carolina	ELA	Math	Other	Social Studie...				

Oklahoma	Science	ELA	ELA	Math	Other	Social Studie...		
	Science	Health/PE	Other	Early Ed	Arts	Social Studie...		
	Social Studie...	Other			Other	Other		
	Social Studie...							
	CTE							
Oregon	Health/PE	ELA*	ELA*		Math*		Health/PE*	Science*
South Carolina	CTE	Social Studie...		Science				
	Arts	Other						
Tennessee	Arts	ELA	CTE	CTE	CTE	CTE		
	Other	CTE		Math		Science		
	CTE							
Texas	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math		
	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math		
	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA		
	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other		
	Arts	Arts	Arts	Science	Science	Science		
	CTE	CTE	CTE	Social Studie...	Social Studie...	Social Studie...		
	ELA	CTE	CTE	Arts	Early Ed	Early Ed		
	Other	Other	Other	CTE	Arts	Arts		
	Math	ELA	Other	Other	CTE	CTE		
	ELA	Other	ELA	Other	Other	Other		
	Other	Math	Other	ELA	Other	Other		
		ELA	Math	Other	ELA	Health/PE		
		Other	ELA	Math	Other	Health/PE		
			Other	ELA	Math	ELA		
				Other	ELA	Other		
					Other	Math		
						ELA		
						Other		
Utah	Social Studie...	CTE	Social Studie...	CTE	Other			
	Science	ELA	Science	ELA				
	Other	Math	Other	Math				
	Health/PE	Other	Health/PE	Other				
	Arts	Health/PE	Arts	Health/PE				
	Other	Early Ed	Other	Early Ed				
Virginia	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studie...				
Idaho		Other	CTE	CTE	CTE	CTE		
		CTE						
		Math						
West Virginia			ELA	Science	Math	Early Ed	Arts	
						Social Studie...	Other	
							Other	

*Pending final approval



SOURCE: State websites

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Key Context

School districts — not states — are ultimately the purchasers of curriculum materials and are the ones who ink contracts with vendors.

While they don't *have to* choose from the narrowed set of state-approved providers, there are many reasons why they may look to that list first, including the convenience of knowing the materials are aligned to state standards.

Importantly, different states offer varying degrees of incentives encouraging district administrators to pick from state-approved options. For example, as of this tracker's initial publication:

- In [California](#), school districts can purchase from any vendor, as long as materials meet state standards. While many administrators prefer to wait for the state cycle and list, they are welcome to update curriculum outside of that timeline.
- In Tennessee, administrators must submit waivers to use products that are not on the state list, and prove to the state that they meet academic requirements.
- In Texas, school districts receive [monetary incentives](#) if they select resources from the state-approved list, under its recently revamped adoption process. The state also has a [“rejected” list](#), which public schools and charters that receive state funds are banned from using.

In recent years, the increased state-level attention on the quality of instructional materials (for example: the Science of Reading) has also generally boosted interest in state-approved materials lists.

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