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High-Quality Curricular Materials Advisory Lists: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Pursuant to [Indiana Code \(IC\) 20-31-3-2\(b\)](#), the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) conducted a curriculum evaluation process where committees reviewed and recommended vendor-submitted curricular materials to develop an advisory list to inform local adoption, instructional practices, and professional development aligned to the future-focused 2023 Indiana Academic Standards, science of reading practices, and 2023 Indiana Early Learning Standards. IDOE has developed this FAQ resource to support schools during their next reading curriculum adoption cycle ([IC 20-26-12-24.5](#)).

General

Number	Question	Answer
1.	Where are the current advisory lists located?	Access the K-5 reading and early learning high-quality curricular materials advisory lists via this memo as well as on IDOE's High-Quality Curricular Materials Advisory List webpage . Access the K-12 STEM advisory lists via this memo .
2.	How long will approved curricular materials remain on the advisory list?	Approved vendor curricular materials will be valid for a period of six years pending any updates to content alignment (e.g., Indiana Academic Standards and Early Learning Standards), cost, legislation or rule. Vendors must confirm any specific changes to materials and related pricing annually.
3.	How long and when are curriculum review cycles?	The advisory list review cycle will be conducted annually. The application window will open each year for new submissions, outdated submissions, and/or previously approved submissions that have undergone substantial revision. IDOE will release the 2024-2025 application materials to vendors in July. Updated advisory lists are scheduled to publish in January 2025.
4.	How can I stay up-to-date on future review cycles?	Reference IDOE's High-Quality Curricular Materials Advisory List webpage to stay informed on submission windows and guidance. Updated information will also be shared in Dr. Jenner's Weekly Update .



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K-8 Reading

Number	Question	Answer
5.	What grade levels are included in the advisory list for reading?	<p>The current advisory list provides schools with approved curriculum for kindergarten through grade five reading aligned with the 2023 Indiana Academic Standards and science of reading.</p> <p>Beginning with the 2024-2025 review cycle, vendors are welcome to submit core curricular materials aligned with the 2023 Indiana Academic Standards and science of reading for kindergarten through grade eight.</p>
6.	What is the curriculum review process?	<p>IDOE convenes committees of content-specific professionals with expertise in science of reading to review submitted vendor materials. These committees review curriculum pursuant to the identified evaluation criteria. Core curriculum that was reviewed and approved, based on the evaluation criteria, are included on the high-quality curricular materials advisory list for K-5 reading.</p> <p><i>*Core curriculum is defined as comprehensive materials used for all students to develop both strong word recognition and language comprehension skills.</i></p>
7.	Are supplemental curriculum included in the review process?	<p>Supplemental materials are not part of IDOE's 2024-2025 HQCM review process. Selection of supplemental materials are historically local decisions and should be vetted at the local level to assure consistency with the advisory list and alignment with state law. IDOE developed two supplemental rubrics - one for K-5 reading and one for 6-8 reading - that school review teams may reference when evaluating supplemental materials for local use.</p>
8.	What are the reading curriculum requirements for schools?	<p>Pursuant to IC 20-26-12-24-5, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, a superintendent, advisory committee, or governing body (or the equivalent for a charter school) must adopt reading curriculum or supplemental materials aligned with science of reading targeting reading proficiency. Schools may not adopt curriculum or supplemental materials for reading that are based on the three-cueing model.</p>



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<p>9.</p>	<p>The curriculum we currently use is not on the advisory list. What are the next steps?</p>	<p>Core curriculum may not appear on the advisory list if the associated vendor did not submit materials for review or did not meet the defined evaluation criteria for K-5 Reading (Vendors can submit materials for Grades 6-8 Reading for the first time beginning with the 2024-2025 review cycle). The advisory list is updated annually, so vendors will have the opportunity to apply during the upcoming school year.</p> <p>Schools that choose to use curriculum that is not listed on the advisory list are responsible for conducting a review to ensure compliance with IC 20-31-3-2(b).</p> <p>Selection of supplemental materials are historically local decisions and should be vetted at the local level to assure consistency with the advisory list and alignment with state law.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>What does curriculum implementation in compliance with the advisory list look like for corporations and schools?</p>	<p>Pursuant to IC 20-32-8.5-2, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, public schools <i>where fewer than 70% of students achieved a passing score on IREAD-3</i> must use a curriculum that is based on science of reading and approved by IDOE. The implementation of this requirement and navigating compliance will be supported beginning in the 2024-2025 school year through participation in the Indiana Literacy Cadre.</p> <p><i>For all other public and charter schools</i>, implementation requirements per IC 20-26-12-24.5 begin during their next adoption cycle (2025-2026).</p>

Early Learning

Number	Question	Answer
<p>11.</p>	<p>What age-level curriculum is included in the advisory list?</p>	<p>The advisory list provides early care and education settings with approved curriculum for infant/toddler, preschool, and mixed-age groups aligned with the 2023 Indiana Early Learning Standards.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>What was the curriculum review process?</p>	<p>IDOE recruited and convened committees of professionals with expertise in early care and education to review submitted vendor materials. These committees convened to review submitted curriculum pursuant to the identified evaluation criteria. Curriculum that was reviewed and approved based on the evaluation tool are included on the high-quality curricular materials advisory list for early learning.</p>



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13.	The curriculum we currently use is not on the advisory list. What are the next steps?	Curriculum may not appear on the advisory list if the associated vendor did not submit materials for review or did not meet the evaluation criteria . The advisory list is updated annually.
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