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

Pursuant to Indiana Code [\(IC\) 20-20-5.5-2](#) and [IC 20-31-3-2\(b\)](#), the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) conducted a curriculum evaluation process whereby reviewers evaluated and recommended vendor-submitted curricular materials to develop an advisory list to inform local adoption, instructional practices, and professional development aligned to the 2023 Indiana Academic Standards, science of reading practices, and/or 2023 Indiana Early Learning Standards. IDOE developed this FAQ to support schools engaging in their curriculum adoption process.

### General

Number	Question	Answer
1.	<b>Where are the current advisory lists located?</b>	Access the early learning and K-12 STEM high-quality curricular materials (HQCM) advisory lists via this <a href="#">memo</a> and the K-8 core reading advisory via this <a href="#">memo</a> . All lists are available on IDOE's <a href="#">High-Quality Curricular Materials Advisory List webpage</a> .
2.	<b>How long will approved curricular materials remain on the advisory list?</b>	Approved vendor curricular materials will be valid for a period of six years pending any updates to content alignment (e.g., Indiana Academic Standards, Early Learning Standards), cost, legislation or rule. Vendors must notify IDOE annually of any specific changes to materials and pricing.
3.	<b>How long and when are curriculum review cycles?</b>	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 The application window will open each year for new submissions, outdated submissions, and/or previously approved submissions that have undergone substantial revision.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 releases application materials to vendors each summer.
4.	<b>How can I stay up-to-date on future review cycles?</b>	Reference IDOE's <a href="#">High-Quality Curricular Materials Advisory List webpage</a> to stay informed on submission windows and guidance.



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## K-8 Core Reading

Number	Question	Answer
5.	<b>What grade levels are included in the advisory list for reading?</b>	The <a href="#">current advisory list</a> provides schools with approved core curriculum for kindergarten through grade eight core reading aligned with the 2023 Indiana Academic Standards and science of reading.
6.	<b>What is the curriculum review process?</b>	<p>IDOE convenes reviewers of content-specific professionals with expertise in science of reading to review submitted vendor materials. These reviewers evaluate curriculum pursuant to the identified <a href="#">K-5 Core Reading</a> and <a href="#">6-8 Core Reading</a> evaluation criteria. Core curriculum that is reviewed and approved, based on the evaluation criteria, is included on the high-quality curricular materials advisory list.</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.	<b>Are supplemental curriculum materials included in the review process?</b>	Supplemental materials are not part of IDOE's 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 <a href="#">K-5 Supplemental</a> and one for <a href="#">6-8 Supplemental</a> - that school review teams may reference when evaluating supplemental materials for local use.
8.	<b>What are the reading curriculum requirements for schools?</b>	<p>Pursuant to <a href="#">IC 20-32-8.5-2</a>, schools are required to provide reading instruction that includes a core reading program aligned with the science of reading to all students K-8. Schools <i>where fewer than 70% of students achieved a passing score on IREAD</i> must use a curriculum approved by IDOE.</p> <p>Pursuant to <a href="#">IC 20-26-12-24.5</a>, 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 curricular or supplemental materials for</p>



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		reading that are based on the three-cueing model.
9.	<b>The curriculum we currently use is not on the advisory list. What are the next steps?</b>	<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 core reading.</p> <p>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 not listed on the advisory list are responsible for conducting a review to ensure compliance with <a href="#">IC 20-31-3-2(b)</a>. Schools <i>where fewer than 70% of students achieved a passing score on IREAD</i> must use a curriculum that is based on science of reading and approved by IDOE.</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>
10.	<b>What does curriculum implementation in compliance with the advisory list look like for corporations and schools?</b>	<p>Pursuant to <a href="#">IC 20-32-8.5-2</a>, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, schools <i>where fewer than 70% of students achieved a passing score on IREAD</i> must use a curriculum that is based on science of reading and approved by IDOE.</p> <p><i>For all other schools</i>, implementation requirements per <a href="#">IC 20-26-12-24.5</a> begin during their next adoption cycle (2025-2026). Schools that choose to use curriculum that is not listed on the advisory list are responsible for conducting a review to ensure compliance with <a href="#">IC 20-31-3-2(b)</a>. School teams are encouraged to use the IDOE developed evaluation tools for <a href="#">K-5 Core Reading</a> and <a href="#">6-8 Core Reading</a>.</p>

## Early Learning

Number	Question	Answer
11.	<b>What age-level curriculum is included in the advisory list?</b>	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.



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12.	<b>What was the curriculum review process?</b>	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 <a href="#">evaluation criteria</a> . Curriculum that was reviewed and approved based on the evaluation tool are included on the high-quality curricular materials advisory list for early learning.
13.	<b>The curriculum we currently use is not on the advisory list. What are the next steps?</b>	Curriculum may not appear on the advisory list if the associated vendor did not submit materials for review or did not meet the <a href="#">evaluation criteria</a> . The advisory list is updated annually.

## K-12 STEM

Number	Question	Answer
1.	<b>How many rubrics are used to evaluate K-12 STEM curricula?</b>	A <a href="#">single rubric</a> is used to evaluate all K-12 Science, Technology (Computer Science), Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) materials. Evaluation criteria apply to all or some of the four STEM content areas, as appropriate.

Contact [IDOE](#) with any questions.