
Continuous Learning Plan (CLP) Remote Instruction Textbook and Instructional Materials Local Education Agency (LEA) Waivers List

The Background:

At the August 17, 2020 State Board special called meeting, the Board approved emergency revisions to the Minimum Requirements for the Approval of Public Schools Rule 0520-01-03-.11. The revisions allowed the State Board to grant a waiver to LEAs for the use of textbooks and/or instructional materials not on the current list approved by the State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission and the State Board, provided those materials are for use during remote instruction during the 2020-21 school year only. The district's Continuous Learning Plan (CLP) submitted to the Department serves as the request for the waiver, and waivers are granted under the following conditions:

- The LEA plans to use such textbooks and/or instructional materials during remote instruction during the 2020-21 school year only;
- The LEA has addressed in its approved CLP how the LEA plans to use the textbooks and/or instructional materials and how the LEA plans to address any areas of misalignment to ensure comprehensive coverage of the Tennessee academic standards; and
- The LEA is implementing the use of such textbooks and/or instructional materials pursuant to a CLP that has been approved by the Department.

Pursuant to the emergency rule, the Department is required to submit to the State Board a list of all LEAs that qualify for a waiver. The attached list includes all LEAs that have indicated in their approved CLP that they intend to use textbooks or instructional materials not on the approved list during periods of remote instruction during the 2020-21 school year.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends approval of this item on first and final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.