



West Virginia 2011 State Report

1. **Subject Areas of Last Year's Adoption:** Social Studies; however, that adoption was put on hold for two years. A special call was issued for a Pre-K curriculum framework.
2. **Subject Areas of Current/Next Year's Adoption:** No adoption for next year
3. **Allocation/Funding for Instructional Materials:** Each county receives funding based on student enrollment. Funding source is based on a percentage of the tax base.
4. **Challenges/Issues You Have Faced This Year:**

The West Virginia State Board of Education made the decision to place a hold on the adoption of instructional materials for the next two years. This came as a result of discussions among stakeholder groups that began after only a limited number of social studies materials in the original adoption cycle aligned to the established criteria. The discussions intensified with the realization that the Common State Standards for Social Studies and Science would probably be released shortly after we adopted new materials, as had been the case with mathematics. Additionally West Virginia's commitment to the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium, the goal to transition to digital instructional materials, and the awareness that many of the state's school systems lacked the technology infrastructure to support these goals led state leaders to the realization that we needed to take action. The action was to delay all adoptions for two years, but during those two years, counties would use those funds to strengthen their technology infrastructure. The focus during the first year of the delay would be on social studies classrooms and the focus during the second year of the delay would be on science classrooms. When adoption resumes, the funds must once again be used for the purchase of instructional materials.
5. **Format (print/digital) initiatives in your state? Yes**
 - a. **If yes, how is that impacting the state process?** The adoption process was placed on hold for two years to allow counties to strengthen their respective technology infrastructures in order to support a smooth transition to electronic instructional resources.

West Virginia has placed a two year hold on the adoption of instructional materials to give counties time to strengthen their technology infrastructure in preparation for the adoption of electronic resources.

- b. **If yes, describe case study/pilots and highlight the number and types of digital titles.**

No state level studies and/or pilots are in place, but several counties/schools are piloting instructional resources independent of the WV DOE.

- c. **If yes, reference challenges mentioned by district and state.**

The challenges have been to ensure that appropriate decisions are made at the local level as to how the instructional materials funds are spent. There was an initial concern that some local districts might make unsound purchases (i.e., mobile labs without sufficient bandwidth for effective use, programs marketed as being silver bullets, computers/iPads, etc. that would not support computerized testing, hardware that doesn't meet the specifications for commercial use, etc.)

6. **Significant Legislative or Policy Changes/Issues Affecting Instructional Materials:**

West Virginia has long allowed counties to use instructional materials funding to purchase electronic resources, including but not limited to online and/or server-based instructional programs, student computers, presentation stations, etc., as long as the resource enhances instruction.

The language in State Code was changed during a recent Legislative session that specifically addresses electronic instructional resources thereby making the adoption of electronic instructional materials much easier. The Code change was done quietly with little publicity. The language in State Board Policy for Instructional Materials will be updated this fall for a closer alignment to State Code.

The West Virginia State Board of Education is now working to ensure a smooth transition from print to electronic instructional resources.

7. **Future Subject Areas of Adoption/Changes to Cycle, if any:**

The entire adoption schedule has changed. The actual adoption schedule is available online: <http://wvde.state.wv.us/materials/AdoptionCycles.html>

Highlights of the new schedule:

2013-2019 – Social Studies

2014-2020 – Science, Health

2015-2021 – Music, Art, Dance, Theatre, Driver Ed

2016-2022 – Integrated Reading/Literature English Language Arts

2017-2023 – World Language

2018-2024 – Mathematics

2019-2025 – Social Studies and Universal Pre-K