

**Texas Education Association  
Instructional Materials News  
July 2006**

**School is Just Around the Corner!  
Please Ensure Requisitions for Instructional Materials for School Year 2006-07  
have been Submitted**

For school year 2006-07, only currently-adopted materials are available for requisitioning by local districts and charter schools. There were no new materials adopted by the State Board of Education in November 2005, therefore none will be available for requisitioning for school year 2006-07. Schools should not forget to order consumable materials and instructional materials that are needed due to an increase in enrollment. Except for a few subject areas, school districts and charter schools are currently entitled to requisition up to **103 percent** of their enrollment in a given subject or grade. The exceptions to the 103 percent quota are provided in "Instructions for Ordering Instructional Materials for School Year 2006-07 <<http://tea.state.tx.us/textbooks/distribution/200607ordering.html>>." Many districts have not submitted their Annual requisitions, thus far. For those schools that have not placed requisitions, the textbook coordinators should be aware of significant changes that were made to the online textbook ordering system (EMAT). Below are two of those changes:

- **Subscription Renewal.** A change was made to allow for tracking of subscription-based instructional materials. The change is apparent when you attempt to create a requisition. Under "Requisitions" the first link is now called "**New or Existing.**" If your school ordered any Technology Applications materials last year, you will be directed to a Subscription Renewal screen that requires you to renew your subscriptions. On this screen, you can either (1) enter the exact number of subscriptions ordered in the prior school year, (2) enter the number ordered last year plus any additional quantities that are required, or (3) if by chance the number of students has decreased, enter a lower number of subscriptions. Additional quantities can be entered either on the Subscription Renewal screen or on an Annual or Supplemental requisition screen. Before increasing the quantity on the Subscription Renewal screen, make sure the populations have been updated in EMAT first. After the Subscription Renewal has been submitted by the school district and is in completed status, the textbook coordinator will be allowed to create an Annual requisition.

- **Links Disabled.** Once the Subscription Renewal order has been processed through EMAT, the link to Subscription Renewal will be disabled and schools will be allowed to create only an Annual, Off-level, One-Time Katrina Replacement requisition, or One-Time Rita Replacement requisition. Once an Annual requisition has been processed through EMAT, the link to Annual requisitions will be disabled and schools will be allowed to create only a Supplemental, Off-level, One-Time Katrina Replacement requisition, or One-Time Rita Replacement requisition.

### **Approved Textbook Substitutions now available for ordering in EMAT**

At the State Board of Education (SBOE) meeting in July 2006, the board approved requests from two publishing companies to substitute newer versions of previously-adopted instructional materials. One request was from Lawrenceville Press to provide a newer version of Business Computer Information Systems I (BCIS) materials. The state-adopted version *A Guide to Microsoft Office XP Professional*, copyright 2002, has been replaced with *A Guide to Microsoft Office 2003*, copyright 2004. Beginning July 21, 2006, requisitions placed in EMAT will receive the Microsoft Office 2003 version. If a school wishes to receive the Microsoft Office XP Professional version, the textbook coordinator should contact the publisher directly by either calling Heidi Crane at 609-737-1148 or by sending an e-mail to [hcrane@lvp.com](mailto:hcrane@lvp.com).

The second request was from Skylight Publishing for substitutions under AP Computer Science I and AP Computer Science II. The state-adopted version of *Java Methods: An Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming*, copyright 2001, was replaced with *Java Methods A & AB, AP Edition*, copyright 2006. The program under AP Computer Science I (*Java Methods*, ISBN 0965485374) was combined with the program under AP Computer Science II (*Java Methods AB*, ISBN 0965485315) to create *Java Methods A & AB, AP Edition*, ISBN 0972705570. The teacher materials will remain as they were originally adopted. Therefore, since schools will be receiving different teacher materials under AP Computer Science I and AP Computer Science II, the ordering ISBNs in EMAT will be different.

### **Proclamation 2004 Activities**

The Instructional Materials and Educational Technology Division recently concluded a review of mathematics, grades 6-8 and mathematics, high school for Proclamation 2004. This year's program was held June 19-30, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (formerly the Red Lion) in Austin, Texas. Panel members from across the state reviewed 110 instructional materials that included print as well as technology based products. A preliminary list of products reviewed by the panels is being prepared and will be distributed to SBOE members prior to the September public hearing. The public

hearing is scheduled to take place September 13, 2006. It will be held in the SBOE meeting room at the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Room 1-104.

### **Proclamation 2005 Instructional Materials Question and Answer document**

Publishers are encouraged to submit questions regarding the future submission of instructional materials for elementary mathematics for grades K- 5. These materials will be adopted by the SBOE November 2007 with distribution slated for June 2008.

At the meeting in November 2005, board members voted to approve mathematics products in kindergarten as opposed to a teacher system comprised of all subject areas. Additional information is available at

[www.tea.state.tx.us/textbooks/announcements/index.html](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/textbooks/announcements/index.html)

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The question and answer document is scheduled for action by the board during the September meeting. Publisher questions should be submitted to Anita Deibert via email at [anita.deibert@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:anita.deibert@tea.state.tx.us)

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<<file:///C:/Documents%20and%20Settings/twaller/Local%20Settings/twaller/Local%20Settings/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/OLK48/eugene.rios@tea.state.tx.us>> if you have additional questions regarding Proclamation 2005 submissions.

### **Proclamation 2006**

Recent action taken during the special legislative session resulted in the postponement of Proclamation 2006. The agency is awaiting further direction from the legislature before proceeding forward with development of this and future proclamations.