

ENTHEOS ACADEMY

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6200 CLASSROOM INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Purpose

Classroom learning materials are used to develop student academic and character performance in accordance with Utah guidelines and Entheos Charter. This policy is to maintain the continuity of material to that end, and to ensure alignment with Utah Code 53G-4-402.

<https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title53G/Chapter4/53G-4-S402.html>

Definitions

1. "Learning material" means any learning material or resource used to deliver or support a student's learning, including textbooks, reading materials, videos, digital materials, websites, and other online applications.
2. "Instructional material" means learning material that a local school board adopts and approves for use within the LEA.
3. "Supplemental material" means learning material that:
 - a. an educator selects for classroom use; and
 - b. a local school board has not considered and adopted, approved, or prohibited for classroom use within the LEA.

Policy

1. When selecting new instructional materials for use in the classroom, the Entheos school board institutes an open process where educators and parents of students enrolled in the LEA are welcome to join a review and recommendation committee under the guidance and supervision of the Executive Director.
2. Once the committee is ready to recommend the new instructional materials to the Entheos school board, the learning materials will be published online or be made available at the school/s to allow for public review.

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3. Before adopting or approving the recommended instructional materials, the board will hold at least two public meetings on the recommendation that provides an opportunity for Entheos educators and parents to express views and opinions on the recommendation.
4. New instructional materials will be approved for adoption in an open and regular board meeting.

Appeal Process

(a) Initiating an Appeal:

- Parents, guardians, or community members who object to the adoption or rejection of specific instructional materials may submit a written appeal to the Entheos governing board within 30 calendar days of the board's decision.
- The appeal must include specific concerns regarding the instructional materials and any supporting evidence.

(b) Review of the Appeal:

- Upon receipt of an appeal, the Entheos governing board will convene a review panel, including members of the curriculum review committee, school administrators, and parent representatives.
- The review panel will assess the appeal within 30 calendar days and make a recommendation to the LEA governing board.

(c) Final Decision:

- The Entheos governing board will review the panel's recommendation and issue a final decision within 15 calendar days of receiving the recommendation.
- The decision of the Entheos governing board is final unless escalated to the State Board of Education under exceptional circumstances.

5. Biennial Review of Instructional Policies

- (a) Every two years, the Entheos governing board shall review:

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- Policies related to health education instruction;
- County data on teen pregnancy, child sexual abuse, and sexually transmitted infections;
- Reports on pornography complaints within the LEA's jurisdiction.
(b) Based on this review, the Entheos governing board may recommend updates or modifications to the instructional materials and policies as necessary.

6. Compliance and Enforcement

(a) The Entheos governing board shall ensure compliance with all state laws and administrative rules regarding health education instruction.

(b) Violations of this policy by school personnel will be subject to disciplinary procedures as outlined by the State Board of Education.

5. Information on instructional materials will be maintained on the school website.
6. Instructional materials will be readily made available to parents to view upon request.
7. The school board expects Entheos educators to use their professional judgment regarding supplemental materials, to ensure alignment with the values, mission and vision, and age of students. Any supplemental materials that present a controversial or sensitive topic, such as those political or religious in nature, must be brought to the Executive Director for approval. Presentation of controversial or political materials must be equally presented with alternative viewpoints.
8. If Entheos contracts with another party to provide online or digital materials, Entheos will include in the contract a requirement that the provider give notice to Entheos any time the provider makes a material change to the content of the online or digital materials, excluding regular informational updates on current events.