

Funding

COORDINATION OF FUNDS TO PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

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Coordination of Funds to Purchase Instructional Materials

What is Required

If the District chooses to coordinate with the National Instructional Materials Access Center (“NIMAC”) when purchasing print instructional materials, it must acquire the print instructional materials in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as the TEA acquires print instructional materials.

However, the District is not required to coordinate with the NIMAC. If the District chooses not to do so, the District must provide an assurance to the TEA that the District will provide instructional materials to blind persons or other persons with print disabilities in a timely manner.

Additional Procedures

National Instructional Materials Access Center

Created by the IDEA, NIMAC is a federally funded, online file repository of K-12 print textbooks in accessible formats for students with disabilities. Should the District coordinate with NIMAC, it will sign a user agreement with NIMAC, directing publishers to provide National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (“NIMAS”) files of materials they order to NIMAC and designating authorized users who will have access to the NIMAC database.

National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard

NIMAS is a standard used by publishers to produce files in XML format that may be used to develop multiple specialized formats for students with print disabilities. Specialized formats include:

- Braille, audio, or digital text—exclusively for use by blind or other students with disabilities; and
- With respect to print instructional materials, large print formats distributed exclusively for use by blind or other students with disabilities.

[ADD ADDITIONAL DISTRICT PROCEDURES AS APPROPRIATE]

Evidence of Implementation

- Coordination with and Acquisition of Materials from National Instructional Materials Access Center

- Assurance to TEA Regarding Provision of Instructional Materials
- **[DISTRICT FORMS]**

Resources

[The Legal Framework for the Child-Centered Special Education Process: Coordination of Funds to Purchase Instructional Materials](#)

[Accessible Instructional Materials - Texas Education Agency](#)

[National Instructional Materials Access Center - NIMAC](#)

[National Center on Accessible Educational Materials - AEM](#)

[National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard - AEM](#)

[Questions and Answers on the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard \(Aug. 2010\) - U.S. Department of Education](#)

[ADDITIONAL DISTRICT RESOURCES]

CITATIONS

Board Policy CMD; 34 CFR 300.210(a)–(b)