

# Using State Textbook Funds

## Under the Flexibility Statute 70 O.S. § 16-114a(B)

### Overview

State law allows districts limited flexibility in using state textbook funds for purposes beyond standard textbook purchases. **Districts must first demonstrate that textbooks in the current adoption cycle are current and appropriate for student learning.**

**Note:** This process is different from the procedures under 70 O.S. § 16-111 and 16-111.1, which govern standard textbook purchases and supplemental material approvals.

### Guidance for Using Flexibility Funds

- **Identify the intended use:** Clearly define how the funds will support the district's instructional program or learning goals.
- **Document your request:** Districts should provide documentation demonstrating that the textbooks and instructional materials from the current adoption cycle are current and appropriate. A written explanation or justification letter to present this information to the State Board of Education.
- **Illustrative examples:** Funds may be used for materials, curriculum resources, technology tools, or innovative programs that enhance instruction. This is not an exhaustive list.
- **Approval required:** The State Board of Education must review and approve the request before funds are used.

**Key Reminder:** State textbook funds may be used under this flexibility provision once the district demonstrates that textbooks for the subject area in the current adoption cycle are adequate to meet instructional needs.

### Statute

*70 O.S. § 16-114a(B) – Determination of Textbook Allocations*

