



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3301-51-21 Providing instructional material to children with visual impairments and others with print disabilities that are listed for sale by publishers with the superintendent of public instruction.

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(A) Definitions

Except as otherwise specified, the following definitions are used in this rule:

(1) "Textbook" means textbooks, including related core instructional material, available for purchase by a school board, including new editions to a series or volume of that textbook.

(2) "National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (NIMAS), including Math Markup Language means the technical standard used by publishers to produce source files for use in creating multiple specialized formats, including braille, large print, digital text and audio.

(3) "National Instructional Materials Access Center (NIMAC)" means the national repository established at the American printing house for the blind, inc. (APH) that contains NIMAS file sets.

(4) "Math Markup Language 3 " means the technical standard for the creation of valid XML source files containing mathematical and scientific content.

(5) "Instructional Materials and Technologies" includes "electronic book" as defined in section 3329.01(C) of the Revised Code.

(B) For a textbook to be listed on the approved textbook publishers list, publishers shall deposit a NIMAS file set including images of the textbook, into the national instructional materials access center (NIMAC) for producing accessible formats prior to submission to the approved textbook publishers list.

(C) Publishers who list textbooks with the superintendent of public instruction shall be responsible for providing the wholesale price of the textbook and related print core instructional materials



pursuant to section 3329.01 of the Revised Code. Publishers shall be responsible for providing the wholesale price of any textbook and related print core instructional materials, or textbooks that have been previously adopted, and reordered by a school board.

(D) Digital instructional materials and technologies must conform to the standards for accessibility set forth in Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 749, and 36 C.F.R. 1194. Local education agencies are required to ensure compliance of materials used in their schools.