



Oklahoma Fine Arts Textbooks FAQ

What is the Textbook Adoption Cycle?

In Oklahoma, textbooks may be purchased with or without textbook funding. If textbooks are purchased with state textbook funding, districts must follow the [textbook adoption cycle](#). The last textbook adoption cycle for fine arts occurred in the fall of 2019. The next arts adoption window will be in 2025.

Which fine arts textbooks are on the list?

The [full list](#) is available to view online by downloading The Arts spreadsheet. Fine arts textbooks include:

Music

- *Essential Elements Interactive*, Hal Leonard (instrumental music)
- *AP Music Theory*, Acellus
- Make Music, Inc (Smart Music)
- *Voices in Concert*, Hal Leonard (6-12 choral music)
- *Tonal Harmony - AP*

Visual Art

- *Gardner's Art through the Ages*
- *Explorations in Art, Experiences in Art, Discovering Art*, Davis Publications
- *2-D Art and Design*, Acellus

Why are there so few arts textbooks on the list?

Any textbook company may bid to be on the textbook list; however, the textbook adoption window in Oklahoma is six years. This presents a challenge to some arts companies as they are negotiating copyright for works of art, scripts, and compositions that are included in their textbooks. Many times, the textbook companies are not able to bid to join Oklahoma's list because they are not able to offer a textbook for adoption for six years. Their adoption timeline is much shorter due to their copyright restriction.



How do we purchase a textbook without state textbook funding?

State textbook funding is rather limited and many districts purchase textbooks through other means. Some districts purchase textbooks with bond money. If your district serves many low-income students, it may be possible to braid federal Title I and Title IV, Part A funds. Textbook funding could also come from a PTA, grants, or a foundation.

If a district decides to use any of these options, they may purchase a textbook or resource that works for their students. The textbook does not have to be on the state list.

Can my district contact publishers and have them visit us?

If your school district is using other funds outside of the state fund for textbooks, you can contact publishers at any time. However, be sure to check with your administration to see if your district is open or closed. Closed districts require publishers to communicate with a designated individual.

Elementary music textbook publishers have indicated that they would be very happy to visit Oklahoma schools, and publishers for other grade bands/disciplines may also be interested. Contact Dr. Elizabeth Maughan for more information or to ask questions.

What if my school is interested in a textbook that isn't on the list? Is that allowed?

Yes, if your district is not using state textbook funding. Oklahoma school districts are not limited to the state textbook list if they use other funding to purchase textbooks. They may also choose to purchase textbooks at a different time or out of cycle when they use other funds.

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