



Your Question:

You asked for information on textbook adoption policies.

Our Response:

Textbook adoption policies vary widely. We identified at least two states — **Colorado** and **Oklahoma** — with constitutional requirements regarding textbook adoption. Colorado’s [constitution](#) prohibits the legislative body and the board of education from prescribing textbooks. Oklahoma’s [constitution](#) directs the Legislature to authorize the governor to appoint a textbook selection committee. Many states require the state board or department of education to publish a list of approved textbooks from which districts must or may select textbooks.

Some of these states also provide guidance for local districts that wish to select other textbooks. For example, **Oregon** [statute](#) directs the state board of education to adopt guidelines and criteria for school boards to select textbooks not on the board-adopted list. Meanwhile, in **Utah**, the state board [recommends](#) instructional materials, but each school has discretion to select its own. Other states, like **Wyoming**, [prohibit](#) the state board from prescribing textbooks.

Below is a review of state statutes related to textbook adoption. While some state statutes address textbooks, curricula and instructional materials as one policy area, not all states do so. This table only addresses textbook adoption policies.

<i>State</i>	State Agency Level Textbook Adoption	Local Education Agency Level Textbook Adoption	Citation
<i>Alabama</i>	X		Ala. Code § 16-36-61
<i>Alaska</i>		X	Alaska Stat. Ann. § 14.07.050
<i>Arizona</i>		X	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-721
<i>Arkansas</i>		X	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-403
<i>California</i> ¹	X	X	Cal. Educ. Code § 60200, Cal. Educ. Code § 60400
<i>Colorado</i>		X	Colo. Const. art. IX, § 16
<i>Connecticut</i>		X	Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 10-221
<i>Delaware</i>		X	Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 1049
<i>DC</i>	X		D.C. Code Ann. § 38-701
<i>Florida</i>	X		Fla. Stat. Ann. § 1006.29
<i>Guam</i>	X		17 G.C.A. § 4104
<i>Georgia</i>	X		Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-1012
<i>Hawaii</i> ²	X	X	Hawaii Board of Education Policies Series 2240
<i>Idaho</i>	X		Idaho Code Ann. § 33-118
<i>Illinois</i>		X	105 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/28-9
<i>Indiana</i>		X	Ind. Code Ann. § 20-26-12-24
<i>Iowa</i>		X	Iowa Code Ann. § 301.1

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<i>Kansas</i>		X	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 72-3344
<i>Kentucky</i>	X		Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 156.445
<i>Louisiana</i>		X	La. Stat. Ann. § 17:351.1
<i>Maine</i>		X	Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 1001
<i>Maryland</i>		X	Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 7-106
<i>Massachusetts</i>		X	Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 71, § 48
<i>Michigan</i>		X	Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 380.1422
<i>Minnesota</i>		X	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 123B.09
<i>Mississippi</i>	X		Miss. Code. Ann. § 37-43-19 and Miss. Code. Ann. § 37-43-31
<i>Missouri</i>		X	Mo. Ann. Stat. § 160.516
<i>Montana</i>		X	Mont. Code Ann. § 20-7-602
<i>Nebraska</i>		X	Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 79-734
<i>Nevada</i>	X		Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 389.850
<i>New Hampshire</i>		X	N.H. Code Admin. R. § 02
<i>New Jersey</i>		X	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 18A:34-1
<i>New Mexico</i>	X		N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-15-8
<i>New York</i>		X	N.Y. Educ. Law § 701
<i>North Carolina</i>	X		NC ST § 115C-11
<i>North Dakota</i>		X	ND ST 15.1-09-33
<i>Ohio</i>		X	OH ST § 3329.07
<i>Oklahoma</i>	X		Okla. Const. art. XIII, § 6
<i>Oregon</i>	X		OR ST § 337.050, OR ST § 337.075, OR ST § 337.120, OR ST § 337.141
<i>Pennsylvania</i>		X	PA ST 24 P.S. § 5-508
<i>Puerto Rico</i>	X		18 P.R. LAWS ANN. §154
<i>Rhode Island</i>		X	RI ST § 16-2-16, RI ST § 16-23-1
<i>South Carolina</i>	X		SC ST § 59-31-30
<i>South Dakota</i>		X	S.D. Codified Laws § 13-34-23
<i>Tennessee</i>	X		TN ST § 49-6-2202
<i>Texas</i>	X		TX EDUC § 31.022
<i>Utah</i>	X		Utah Code Ann. § 53E-4-403
<i>Vermont</i>		X	VT ST T. 16 § 3743
<i>Virgin Islands</i>	X		V.I. CODE ANN. Title 17, §21, VI ST T. 17 § 42
<i>Virginia</i>	X		VA ST § 22.1-238
<i>Washington</i>		X	WA ST 28A.320.230
<i>West Virginia</i>	X		WV ST § 18-2A-1
<i>Wisconsin</i>		X	WI ST 118.03
<i>Wyoming</i>		X	WY ST § 21-2-304

¹California has a statewide adoption policy at the elementary level. Secondary textbooks are chosen by local governing boards.

² The state of Hawaii comprises a single school district.