

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

FOR TEXTBOOK PURCHASE – ACTION FORM 135 – 2025

It is the responsibility of the Tennessee Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission to recommend textbooks and instructional materials to the Tennessee State Board of Education (SBE) for approval. Once the SBE has approved a list of textbooks and instructional materials, it is the responsibility of local boards of education to decide which textbooks and instructional materials to use in their districts. The process is structured to ensure textbooks for all subjects are reviewed once every six years. Subjects are grouped into six groupings so that only one subject or group of subjects is reviewed every year.

To cover the costs for the adoption of K-5 science textbooks, funding will need to come from both FY25 School General Purpose funds and FY26 School General Purpose funds. Purchase orders will need to be issued in an amount not to exceed \$195,000.00 to use the remaining funds from the FY25 School General Purpose fund. A blanket order will need to be in FY26 School General Purpose fund in an amount not to exceed \$275,000.

Each year the school system orders recurring consumable materials (workbooks) from Tennessee Book Company. The book publishers can choose to cover the freight costs for these materials or pass the costs onto the school system. The freight costs for the orders normally do not exceed \$20,000.00.

The school system has been utilizing an online music curriculum, Quavers, for grades K-8. The licenses for this software need to be renewed in FY26 for a total that will not exceed \$60,000.00.

In order to receive the textbook and other materials in time for the start of the 2025 – 2026 academic year the Tennessee Book Company requires order information be submitted by May 30, 2025. A portion of the order can be acquired under a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$195,000 utilizing available funds in the FY25 School General Purpose fund. The remainder of order will be acquired pursuant to a blanket order to be issued in FY26 in an amount not to exceed \$275,000 with funds from the FY26 School General Purpose fund.