

## Commissioner's Rules Concerning Technology and

- (13) training educational personnel directly involved in student learning in the appropriate use of instructional materials;
  - (14) providing access to technological equipment for instructional use;
  - (15) the salary and other expenses of an employee who provides technical support for the use of technological equipment directly involved in student learning;
  - (16) inventory software or systems for storing, managing, and accessing instructional materials;
  - (17) software for analyzing the use and effectiveness of instructional materials
  - (18) services, equipment, and technology infrastructure necessary to ensure internet connectivity and adequate bandwidth;
  - (19) costs associated with distance learning, including services, equipment, and technology such as Wi Fi, internet access hotspots, wireless network service, broadband service, and other services and technological equipment to ensure internet access; and
  - (20) training for personnel in the electronic administration of assessment instruments.
- (g) The allotment funds may not be used to pay for:
- (1) services for installation;
  - (2) the physical conduit that transmits data such as cabling and wiring or electricity to the extent allotment funds are necessary to pay for allowable expenses under subsection (f)(18) and (19) of this section
  - (3) office and school supplies
  - (4) items that are not directly related to student instruction such as furniture, athletic equipment, extension cords, temporary contractors, or video surveillance equipment;
  - (5) travel expenses; or
  - (6) equipment used for moving or storing instructional materials.
- (h) The allotments for each biennium will be made available for school district and open enrollment charter school use through the state's online instructional materials ordering system as possible in the fiscal year preceding the beginning of the biennium for which the funds have been appropriated.
- (i) A school district or an open enrollment charter school may access its allotment funds for any upcoming school year upon completion of all of the following:
- (1) submission to the commissioner certification that:
    - (A) the school district or open enrollment charter school has instructional materials that cover all the required Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), except those for physical education, as required by EC, §31.004; and
    - (B) the school district or open enrollment charter school has used its allotment for only the allowable expenditures provided in subsection (f) of this section; and
  - (2) preparation by Texas Education Agency of the state ordering system for the new school year with the new allotment amounts.
- (j) Upon completion of the requirements listed in subsection (i) of this section, school districts and open-enrollment charter schools may access their allotment funds by correctly providing all the information required in the state ordering system
- (k) Information required in the state ordering system may include verification of TEKS coverage for certain disbursement requests.
- (l) In purchasing technological equipment under this section, school districts and open enrollment charter schools shall:

- (1) secure technological solutions that meet the varying and unique needs of students and teachers in their respective districts and charter schools; and
- (2) consider both the long-term cost of ownership of the technological equipment and flexibility for innovation.

*Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §66.1307 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§31.0211, 31.0212, 31.0214, 31.0215, 31.0231, 31.029, 31.031, 31.076, and 31.104.*

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