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DPI's Textbook Services Save Districts Time and Money



In late March, 125 science educators from across the state gathered in Durham to evaluate the textbooks and materials submitted for the 2015 science textbook evaluation and adoption process.

Dr. Daniel Novey, superintendent for Carteret County Public Schools and chair of the state-appointed North Carolina Textbook Commission, said, "It was a feeding frenzy for science-minded teachers. They gobbled up every inch of information and brought the proper lens in determining which resources would be excellent for teachers in North Carolina."

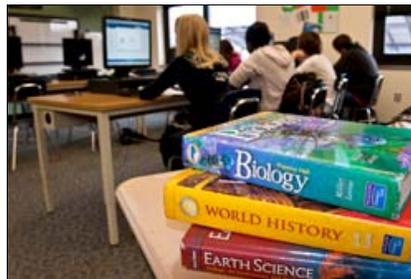
Under the guidance of Textbook Commission members, these teachers evaluated over 1,000 textbook materials including print and digital versions of instructional content and instructional kits for hands-on experiences. "This has been a tremendous learning experience that has helped me to better understand the process of selecting high-quality materials," said second-year Textbook Commissioner Tracey Lewis, who is a middle school principal in Surry County. "I was on the purchasing end before, but now as a commissioner, I see how materials are carefully vetted so only the highest quality materials are recommended for teachers."

In May, the Textbook Commission presented its list of science textbooks recommended for adoption to the State Board of Education. [Learn more about North Carolina's textbook adoption process here](#).

Textbook evaluations, recommendation and adoption are only the first step in the textbook journey. Once school and district personnel submit textbook orders, DPI's Textbook Warehouse staff springs into action.

DPI's Textbook Warehouse:

- * Uses technology to identify incoming books to allow for same-day receipt, shipment and billing and eliminates the need to hold stock in inventory, resulting in more than \$10 million in textbook savings annually.
- * Guarantees school districts the lowest textbook prices in the nation (up to 6.75% lower than any other price across the nation), free freight from the publisher, outbound freight at half the cost through a partnership with Correction Enterprises and the guaranteed return of unused books.



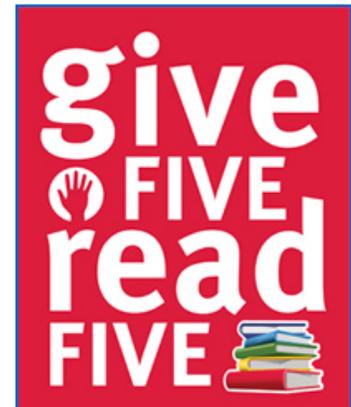
* Manages the ordering, receipt, distribution and invoicing for over \$90 million in textbooks and materials to all NC school districts and charter schools.

* Maintains a library of large print and/or Braille modifications of these textbooks for all children with this requirement specified in their Individualized Education Plans (IEPs).

* Saves other state government entities money by offering space to all agencies in need of storage including the Departments of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Public Safety and Commerce, the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, the State Capitol Police and the Employment Security Division.



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