



Office of Instructional Materials (OIM)

Division of College, Career and Military Readiness (CCRM)

This glossary provides a basic understanding of these key terms used in the context of educational resources and instructional materials.

Definition: Any resources or content used to facilitate teaching and learning in an educational setting. This can include textbooks, digital content, software, lab equipment, and other educational tools.

Examples: A history textbook, educational apps, science lab kits, and devices are all considered instructional materials.

Instructional Materials Program Types or Intended Designs

Core Content

Core content is the essential information, concepts, skills, and knowledge that are central to a subject or course. It aligns with standards and learning objectives and represents the primary material students must learn to achieve proficiency in a subject. The scope and sequence are the foundation for curriculum planning.

Supplemental Materials

Additional resources that enhance or support the core content. Supplemental materials are not required but can provide extra practice, deeper exploration, or alternative explanations to reinforce learning.

Ancillary Materials

Ancillary materials are resources that accompany core instructional materials to support teaching and learning. They are often designed for educators to facilitate lesson planning, assessment, and classroom management. Teacher's guides, answer keys, lesson plans, assessment tools, and multimedia resources are examples of ancillary materials.

Status Terms for Instructional Materials in South Carolina

Adopted Materials

Materials that have been reviewed and approved through the established review process. These instructional materials are provided as options for districts and are paid for by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE).

Approved Alternative Materials

Materials that have been reviewed and approved through the established review process. These instructional materials are provided as options for districts but are NOT paid for by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE). Districts must pay for these if they choose to use them.

Not all Approved Alternative Instructional Materials are Adopted, but all Adopted Instructional Materials are Approved.

Not Recommended (NR) Materials

Materials submitted during a bid process *were reviewed* and not recommended as Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) in South Carolina.

Not Approved

Materials may be labeled under South Carolina law and policy or due to a challenge.

Infrastructure Digital Design Elements for Instructional Materials and Teaching and Learning

Learning Object Repository (LOR) generic name – Instruction Hub (iHub) SC name

A digital library or database where educational resources, often referred to as learning objects, are stored, managed, and shared. These resources can include lesson plans, videos, quizzes, presentations, and other instructional materials that educators can use or repurpose. LORs facilitate sharing high-quality educational content and support collaborative teaching and learning by allowing users to search, access, and contribute resources. In SC, Safari Montage is currently the brand used.

Learning Management System (LMS) generic name – Canvas, Google, Schoology, Teams (brand names used in SC)

A software platform designed to manage, deliver, and track educational courses, training programs, or learning and development initiatives. It provides educators with tools to create and organize content, manage student enrollments, track progress, assess performance, and facilitate communication between instructors and learners. LMSs often include discussion forums, assignment submissions, quizzes, grading, and reporting. In SC, the LMS and LOR interface with the Student Information System (SIS) generic name – PowerSchool (brand name).