# General Description:

**Instructional Materials Quality Review Milestones**

* **November 2018:** ELA 3-8evaluation rubric available for public review
* **January 2019:** Pilot evaluation process to launch in single content area and grade band
* **June 2019:** Pilot results available for public review; stakeholder feedback incorporated into process
* **July 2019:** Second round of reviews to launch in additional grade bands
* **November 2019:** Second round of reviews to be published
* **Ongoing:** Reviews continue to expand to new grade bands and content areas

# Instructional materials are one of the most important tools educators use in the classroom to improve student outcomes. It is widely accepted that the quality of these materials has a significant impact on how well students achieve educational goals.

# To support local education agencies (LEAs) in making their own, high-quality decisions, TEA will oversee an independent review process where teams of Texas teachers and experts conduct evidence-based reviews of materials to determine the level of quality.

# The instructional materials portal will house the results of those reviews, with clear quality distinctions, so that local school districts can sort for the materials that best meet the needs of their student populations.

# The process will be designed to ensure TEA is able to:

# Engage multiple stakeholders in the development of new, Texas specific quality rubrics and review processes to ensure it meets the needs of educators

# Publish an overview of the review process to ensure full transparency

# Evaluate materials by an independent team of Texas educators, among other content and pedagogical experts

# Publish online quality ratings supported by evidence, percentage of TEKS alignment and pricing information for each set of materials

# If Texas can help more teachers and students access higher quality materials that are aligned with Texas standards, the state can expect to see improved student outcomes.

# Goals and Objectives:

# The goal of the portal is to support districts in making their own, local, high-quality decisions about which instructional materials to purchase by providing clear, transparent, and user-friendly information about the quality of materials. This includes the following:

# Provide LEAs with clear definitions of what constitutes high quality instructional materials

# Increase awareness of the quality levels of existing sets of materials used by Texas teachers

# Support LEAs in the process to identify, review and select high quality materials for their students

# Create a tool that helps schools improve equity across all demographics

# Empower all schools to use high quality instructional materials

# Streamline the materials selection and procurement process

# Authority and Funding:

# Texas Education Code (TEC) §31.021 allows for money in the state instructional materials and technology fund to pay the expenses associated with the instructional materials web portal developed under Section 31.081. Statute does not specify the amount to be used for this purpose. See General Appropriations Act (GAA), Article III, Rider 8, 85th Texas Legislature, 2017. TEA has allocated $5M for this project in the 2018-19 from the Instructional Materials and Technology fund and is working to identify an additional $1.6M to support the training and implementation of the portal in local education agencies.