Happy New Year! We hope you had a relaxing and wonderful break! We are off and running again, preparing for the next few months of nonstop events. The ELA/ELD adoption is front and center - make sure you sign up for the K-8 Instructional Materials Fair [http://lacoe.k12oms.org/1540-97257] and Adoption Toolkit Training [http://lacoe.k12oms.org/1540-97255] if you haven’t done so already. Space is limited - we are filling up quickly! We haven’t left high schools out of the mix - the high school instructional materials fair will be on Feb. 22nd [http://lacoe.kms.org/1540-107396].

Waiting to adopt materials? Here’s what you NEED to KNOW!!!

Some districts are waiting to adopt new ELA/ELD instructional materials and/or have decided to continue using their own district created materials.

**Ed Code 60210** states that you may use instructional materials that are not State Board of Education approved, “so long as they are aligned to state standards and the majority of the participants of any review process conducted by the LEA are classroom teachers who are assigned to the subject area and grade level of the materials being reviewed.”

There are other considerations as well- all materials must be reviewed for Social Content per EC 60040-60045, even if they are “home grown.” See the CDE Social Content Review page for more details: [http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/lc.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/lc.asp)

Furthermore, according to the IDEA Act, materials must also be available in accessible formats, including digital, braille and large print - this may be an issue if your materials are teacher created.

Lots to think about regarding the adoption! Here’s more from the FAQ document on the CDE website: [http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/imfrfaq1.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/imfrfaq1.asp)

Remember - there is no rush to adopt immediately, but districts should be aware of the parameters either way!

Here’s what we have on deck:

**Jan. 13:** Literacy Leaders Collaborative Meeting
Register @ [http://lacoe.k12oms.org/1540-97440](http://lacoe.k12oms.org/1540-97440)

**Jan. 27, 28:** K-8 Instructional Materials Fair
Register @ [http://lacoe.k12oms.org/1540-97257](http://lacoe.k12oms.org/1540-97257)

**Feb. 10, 23:** Zooming in: Practical Strategies for Close Reading; Register @ [http://lacoe.k12oms.org/1540-97627](http://lacoe.k12oms.org/1540-97627)

**Feb. 18:** ELA/ELD Adoption Toolkit
Register @ [http://lacoe.k12oms.org/1540-97255](http://lacoe.k12oms.org/1540-97255)

**Feb. 22:** High School Instructional Materials Fair
Register @ [http://lacoe.kms.org/1540-107396](http://lacoe.kms.org/1540-107396)

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