**This advisory recommendation has not been approved by the Instructional Quality Commission or the State Board of Education.**

# REVIEW ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION 2019 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS REVISIONS PROCESS: 2017 HISTORY–SOCIAL SCIENCE

| **Publisher** | **Program** | **Grade Level(s)** |
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| Studies Weekly | *California Studies Weekly – Social Studies* | K–6 |

## Program Summary:

California Studies Weekly *–* Social Studies includes*: Student Edition (SE), Teacher Supplement (TS), digital content.*

## Parameters of Review:

California *Education Code* Section 60200(b)(2) permits publishers to propose revisions to currently adopted materials, and Title 5 of the California *Code of Regulations* (5 *CCR*), Section 9526 details the process. Regulations stipulate of a publisher’s proposed revisions that:

* any revisions submitted will be considered “proposed” and will be subject to a review and approval process;
* proposed revisions must be consistent with the State Board of Education (SBE)-adopted content standards, curriculum framework, and evaluation criteria utilized in the 2017 History–Social Studies Instructional Materials Adoption and the relevant statutes;
* the approval process will include public meetings of the Instructional Quality Commission and the SBE;
* publishers must continue to make available originally adopted programs in addition to revised programs (not applicable to online programs); and
* additionally, 5 *CCR* Section 9523 requires publishers to post online for public review all proposed revisions.

## Publisher’s Revision Proposal:

Studies Weekly proposed revisions to their 2017 SBE-adopted instructional materials program. The publisher proposed to delete, add, or otherwise modify a total of 4,639 words across the grade levels of their kindergarten through grade six program. These proposed revisions occur in both student and teacher materials.

A link to the publisher’s proposed instructional materials changes, is available at the following California Department of Education (CDE) website: [https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/hs/im/revprocessfor2017hssim.asp.](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/hs/im/revprocessfor2017hssim.asp" \o "Revision Process for 2017 HSS Instructional Materials )

## Review:

5 *CCR* Section 9529 allows a publisher, with only a simple approval by the CDE, to replace the original adopted edition with a new edition of an adopted instructional material provided that:

(1) Changes contained in the new edition are so minimal that both the new edition and the original adopted edition may be used together in a classroom environment. No additional content may be included in the new edition.

(2) All changes comply with the social content standards set forth in the publication entitled *Standards for Evaluating Instructional Materials for Social Content*, 2013 Edition, as referenced in 5 *CCR* Section 9518. The price of the new edition is equal to or lower than the price of the original adopted edition.

In the vast majority of the publisher’s proposed revisions, this regulations section is applicable—the changes are so minimal as to allow side-by-side classroom use with the original materials.

Instances of where this regulations section is not applicable include where the publisher has proposed replacing images or short narratives; these revisions would qualify as new content. Additionally, in some cases the publisher has revised or replaced student activities and or assessments which would also constitute new content.

For all proposed revisions, the CDE reviewed the materials to confirm that nothing proposed would violate the original adoption process finding that the publisher had fully met the evaluation criteria, including standards coverage, consistency with the curriculum framework, and abidance with all relevant statutes.

## Recommendation:

The CDE recommends approval of the revisions proposed by Studies Weekly to their *California Studies Weekly – Social Studies*, having found that the proposed revisions are consistent with the SBE-adopted content standards, curriculum framework, and evaluation criteria utilized in the 2017 History–Social Science Instructional Materials Adoption and the relevant statutes.

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