

High-Quality Instructional Materials

A Proven, Cost-Effective Strategy to Improve Student Outcomes

Every student in South Carolina deserves access to strong, grade-level instruction and the tools needed to succeed. High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) are among the most effective and cost-efficient strategies for improving learning outcomes statewide.

For years, the General Assembly has supported students, families, and educators by funding statewide adopted materials aligned to South Carolina's academic standards. The South Carolina Department of Education is building on that investment by working to ensure that all materials used in classrooms meet the same high standards for quality and alignment.

Strengthening alignment across standards, materials, and instruction protects legislative investment in education and supports measurable gains in student achievement. It also creates greater consistency for families, making it easier to follow what their child is learning and provide support at home.

What Are HQIM?

HQIM are classroom materials, such as textbooks, lesson plans, and resources, that:

- Align with South Carolina academic standards
- Provide structured daily instruction
- Ensure consistent access to grade-level content

These materials are already funded and widely used. The focus now is ensuring consistent, effective implementation statewide.

Why HQIM Matters

Improves student outcomes

Research shows strong instructional materials can raise student achievement, often more than higher-cost reforms.

Protects State Investment

South Carolina already funds classroom materials. Ensuring consistent, aligned use maximizes that investment.

Strengthens Statewide Alignments

Alignment across standards, materials, and instruction reduces fragmentation and improves system effectiveness.

Supports teachers

High-quality materials reduce planning burden and strengthen classroom instruction.

What This Means

For Educators

- Clear, standards-aligned materials for daily teaching
- More consistent instruction statewide
- Professional learning aligned to the materials teachers are using

For Students and Families

- Strong, grade-level learning in every classroom
- Better preparation for long-term success
- More consistency across schools statewide

The Opportunity

South Carolina has made significant investments in instructional materials. The next step is ensuring those materials are used consistently in classrooms and supported with aligned training and clear expectations.

Effective implementation turns state funding into measurable academic gains for students statewide.



Learn More About HQIM



For additional information, implementation guidance, and statewide progress updates, scan the QR code.

