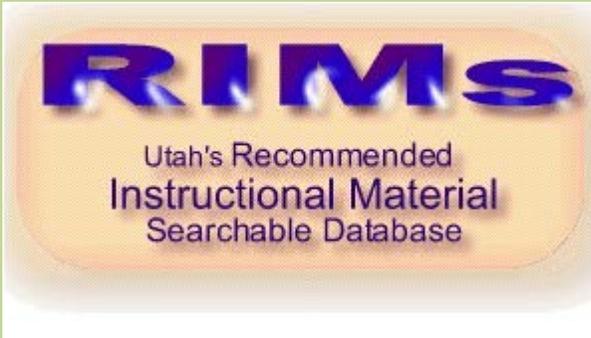


RIMS Database to Review Instructional Materials



A Brief History and Overview of the Instructional Materials Commission in Utah

In 1907 the Utah State Legislature enacted a law creating the Utah State Textbook Commission thereby giving the jurisdiction for the choice of textbooks neither to the Utah State Board of Education nor the Utah State Legislature, but to a separate group of appointed educators and lay citizens. However, when the constitutional revision took place in 1987, the Utah State Textbook Commission was placed under the Utah State Board of Education to more properly align all of those working with education under one governing body. From the outset, making the choice of which instructional materials to use has been a large and arduous task, but has always helped to guarantee quality instructional materials for Utah's students. In 2001, the name was changed to the Utah State Instructional Materials Commission.

The purpose of the commission and resulting RIMS database is to provide the schools of the state the very best available core-related materials and to eliminate instructional materials that violate the Utah Code or State Board Rules.

<http://delleat.schools.utah.gov/rims/index.html>

From the dropdown menu:

Choose Subject and click Search

Then you will create a search by choosing:

- A Subject
- Category
- Course

You may further specify the search by identifying the category the review team issued the resource.

This resource will help you understand materials that the school has suggested to implement a plan. It will help you understand the primary purpose of the materials. You may be able to review additional comments made by the review team about the material and you may be able to see other resources available that are similar to those suggested by the school.

Keep in mind that your district may have a list of approved materials that schools in the district are authorized to use. It is expected that they will be in this database.

