

**CHAPTER 9. INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA SERVICES**

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**Subchapter A. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SERVICE OF THE INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

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**§ 9.1. Establishment.**

If an intermediate unit provides an instructional materials service it will be established, approved and operated as provided in sections 906-A and 914-A(5) of the Public School Code of 1949 (24 P. S. §§ 9-906-A and 9-914-A(5)), regulations of the State Board of Education, and the standards of the Secretary. The latter requirements may be obtained from the Secretary of Education, Post Office Box 911, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17126.

**§ 9.2. Instructional materials service plan.**

If an intermediate unit provides an instructional materials service, it will file a plan for this program in accordance with the standards of the Secretary, which may be obtained from the Secretary of Education, Post Office Box 911, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17126.

**§ 9.3. Administration.**

Where provided, the intermediate unit instructional materials service will include all component districts of an intermediate unit after July 1, 1972, except as stated in section 920-A(c) of the act of May 4, 1970 (No. 102) (24 P. S. § 9-970) and the regulations of the State Board of Education.

**§ 9.4. Staff.**

The intermediate unit may appoint such program specialists and other staff members as may be necessary for the supervision and operation of instructional materials service. Such program specialists shall meet qualifications established by the State Board of Education and the standards of the Secretary, which may be obtained as provided in § 49.194 (relating to employment permits for program specialists).

**§ 9.5. Contracted services.**

An intermediate unit may contract with another intermediate unit to fulfill its responsibility to provide an approved program of instructional materials service. All such contracts shall be subject to approval of the Secretary.

**Cross References**

This section cited in 22 Pa. Code § 9.9 (relating to boundary lines).

**§ 9.6. Ownership.**

All instructional materials and related equipment purchased by the intermediate units shall become the property of the intermediate unit. In case of discontinuation of the instructional materials service, all property shall be disposed of as provided in a plan submitted to the Secretary for approval prior to the discontinuation of the service.

**§ 9.7. Budget accounting.**

Revenues for support of the instructional materials service shall be obtained from a computed *pro rata* share when a majority of the component districts participate in this program. When less than a majority of the component districts participate in the instructional materials service the revenues may be obtained from either a direct fee or such other manner as agreed to by the intermediate unit and the participating districts. Regardless of the source of revenue, the budget for the service shall be included in the operational budget of the intermediate unit.

**§ 9.8. Advisory committee.**

If an intermediate unit organizes an instructional media service and appoints an instructional materials advisory committee, it shall be done in accordance with the standards of the Secretary.

**§ 9.9. Boundary lines.**

Effective July 1, 1972, boundary lines for the instructional materials service program of the intermediate unit shall conform with those of the intermediate unit except as otherwise provided in § 9.5 of this Title (relating to contracted services).

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**§ 9.21. Implementation by the Secretary.**

(a) The Secretary shall be responsible for the development of a Commonwealth plan for educational broadcasting, in accordance with sections 523 and 525 of the Public School Code of 1949 (24 P. S. §§ 5-523 and 5-525).

(b) The Secretary shall insure that there is full educational utilization of the noncommercial broadcasting stations, commercial stations, and cable television systems where feasible; as well as the development of all available Federal Communications Commission educational allocations; and the application for new educational allocations as needed.

(c) Closed-circuit television systems and other origination and distribution facilities may be developed at state colleges and universities, school districts, and intermediate units with the approval of the Secretary. These facilities may be integrated with the existing State educational-public television network and with each other and with commercial and noncommercial stations to form a statewide educational service.

**§ 9.22. Channel and frequency allocations.**

The Secretary shall assist in the application to the Federal Communications Commission for allocations consistent with the Commonwealth plans for their educational use.

**§ 9.23. Pilot education projects.**

The Secretary may conduct pilot, experimental and innovative projects in educational broadcasting, closed-circuit television, cable television, and other origination and distribution facilities to further the development of the Commonwealth goals for education.

**§ 9.24. Broadcasting service areas.**

(a) A broadcasting service area shall be an area in which engineering “class A” signals (as defined by the Federal Communications Commission) are received and used from one or more broadcasting facilities.

(b) Broadcasting service areas shall include the following:

(1) WHYY-TV, Philadelphia: School districts within the counties of Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery, and Bucks.

(2) WQED-TV and WQEX-TV, Pittsburgh: School districts within the counties of Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Westmoreland, Washington, Greene, Fayette, Armstrong, Indiana, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, Clarion, and Jefferson.

(3) WITF-TV, Harrisburg: School districts within the counties of Dauphin, Cumberland, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, Adams, Franklin, and Juniata.

(4) WPSX-TV, Clearfield: School districts within the counties of Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Mifflin, McKean, Potter, Elk, Cameron, Cambria, Blair, Bedford, Fulton, Somerset and Huntingdon.

(5) WLVT-TV, Allentown: School districts within the counties of Northampton, Lehigh, Berks, Carbon, Monroe and Pike.

(6) WVIA-TV, Wilkes-Barre-Scranton: School districts within the counties of Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Wyoming, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Union, Lycoming, Sullivan, Bradford, Susquehanna, Schuylkill and Tioga.

(7) WQLN-TV, Erie: School districts within the counties of Erie, Warren, Crawford and Forest.

**§ 9.25. Regional Educational Broadcasting Councils.**

A Regional Educational Broadcasting Council shall be a nonprofit corporation established, with the approval of the Secretary for the purposes of:

- (1) Establishing and coordinating educational broadcasting program needs.
- (2) Improving use of educational radio and television.
- (3) Evaluating the effectiveness of educational radio and television.
- (4) Procuring program services necessary for educational broadcasting.

**§ 9.26. Administration of service areas.**

A broadcasting service area shall be administered by a Regional Educational Broadcasting Council in accordance with standards approved by the Secretary, the corporate laws of this Commonwealth and; where applicable, the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

**§ 9.27. Programming.**

Programs developed by a Regional Educational Broadcasting Council and financed in whole or in part by Departmental and Federal educational funds shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary and be available to students in this Commonwealth.

**Subchapter C. MEDIA EQUIPMENT**

Sec.  
9.31. Standards.

**§ 9.31. Standards.**

The Secretary will develop standards and specifications for media equipment, including electronic and nonelectronic, to be purchased with Federal and Commonwealth funds appropriated for the media equipment. These standards shall apply to media equipment purchased by public schools, nonpublic schools and publicly-supported colleges and universities of this Commonwealth.

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