



20-21 Instructional Materials & Equipment Guidance



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Texas' legislative leadership and TEA recently announced Operation Connectivio through the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is working to provide free remote learning tools as part of Texas Home Learning 3.0 (e.g. Learning Management Systems and high-quality curriculum) as an option to districts, so they do not have to incur the expense locally.

For guidance and FAQs on Operation Connectivio, visit <https://www.tea.texas.gov/operation-connectivity>.



Districts can enter disbursement requests in EMAT as a reimbursement to the district b

5. What steps should I take if a student did not return instructional materials that were issued last school year?

Each student (or student's parent or guardian) is responsible for all instructional materials and technological equipment not returned in an acceptable condition by the student. A fee may be charged if students fail to return materials. Students who fail to return materials in an acceptable condition forfeit the right to free instructional materials and technology until all previously - issued materials are returned or reimbursed. A district must adopt reasonable procedures for waiving a fee if a student or the student's parent or guardian is unable to pay the fee. Districts/schools may withhold student records if materials are not returned or if fees are not paid but may not prevent students from graduating.

Health and Hygiene Practices in Returning Instructional Materials

Follow the CDC guidelines for [cleaning and disinfecting](#).

Textbooks/paper-based materials

These materials are not considered a high risk for transmission and do not need additional cleaning or disinfection procedures. Materials in braille usually have plastic coatings that can be wiped down with alcohol-based cleaners.

Electronics

1. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products.
2. Make sure to clean any accessories, chargers, etc., along with the product itself.
3. If no manufacturer guidance is available, consider the use of alcohol