QUALITY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS Commitment to Equity

The Nebraska Department of Education commits to equity of access by supporting quality instructional materials.

Activities and Initiatives to Achieve Commitment

Every Nebraska student deserves the opportunity to learn from high-quality, standards-aligned instructional materials to prepare for success in college, career, and civic life. Through the Nebraska Instructional Materials Collaborative, the NDE and key partners are committed to providing statewide leadership that informs and supports the decisions made locally related to curriculum and instructional materials. Together, we can collaborate across districts, organizations, and agencies to ensure success. Check out www.nematerialsmatter.org to learn more about this important resource that advances equity for all students.

Future Ready Nebraska is the state’s first ever Digital Learning and Ed Tech Plan. It serves as the framework for innovating student learning experiences and adapts technologies and instruction in ways which meaningfully engage the digital generation. As a result, students have equitable opportunities and teachers are trained to provide digital opportunities that promote critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity, and innovation. Learn more at: www.education.ne.gov/educational-technology/future-ready-nebraska/.

The Nebraska OER Hub is a statewide collaboration between the Nebraska Department of Education, Educational Service Units, school districts, and educators with the goal of curating and creating quality open educational resources that are aligned to Nebraska curriculum. Nebraska OER provides open education awareness, resources, support, and training to all educators in the state. Visit: www.oercommons.org/hubs/nebraska.

NROC, Hippocampus, and EdReady are resources available statewide that include digital curriculum, learning objects, and online personalized learning supports. EdReady specifically provides reinforcement or development of discrete skills in mathematics and English Language Arts. The online supplemental resource tool for learning provides users with foundational procedural expectations and is provided free as a service by the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council (ESUCC) to Nebraska schools. Learn more or sign up: www.esucc.org/NROCorEdReady.

State Board Goal Supporting Commitment

Goal 4.1 By 2020, the NDE will develop a statewide digital course and content repository.