Academic Transparency Act

A. Each public school in this state shall prominently list on a publicly accessible portion of its website by July 1:
   (1) The learning materials and activities that were used for student instruction at the school during the most recently completed school year, organized at a minimum by subject area and grade.
   (2) Any procedures in effect for the documentation, review, or approval by the principal, administrators, or other teachers regarding the learning materials and activities used for student instruction at the school.

B. For the purposes of this section:
   1. Learning materials include, but are not limited to, the following: all textbooks and reading materials, videos, digital materials, websites and other online applications.
   2. “Used for student instruction”:
      (a) Means assigned, distributed, or otherwise presented to students in any course for which students receive academic credit or in any educational capacity in which participation of the student body is required by the school or in which a majority of students in a given grade level participate.
      (b) Applies also to any materials from among which students are required to select one or more, if the available selection is restricted to specific titles.
   3. Activities include, but are not limited to assemblies, guest lectures, or other educational events facilitated by the institution’s staff, including those conducted by outside individuals or organizations, excluding student presentations.
   4. A school shall be required to list only the information necessary to identify the specific learning materials and activities used for instruction, including the title and the author, organization, or internet address associated with each material and activity. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require either:
      (a) The digital reproduction of the materials themselves, nor
      (b) The separate reporting of individual components of materials produced as a single volume, except that for digital volumes containing works by multiple authors, the school shall provide either a table of contents or internet address that discloses the discreet works and authors contained within the volume.

C. A school shall not be required to list learning materials and activities pursuant to this section under any of the following circumstances:
   1. The school’s governing board is responsible for the operation of schools with fewer than five hundred students cumulatively,
   2. The materials or activities are selected independently by instructors at a school site with fewer than fifty students enrolled.

D. To prepare and host the listing of materials and activities pursuant to paragraph A, a school may, but is not required to:
   1. Post and update the listing of learning materials and activities on an ongoing basis during each school year, provided the listing is completed by July 1 following the completion of the school year.
   2. Utilize collaborative online document or spreadsheet software that allows multiple authorized users to update or make additions to posted content on an ongoing basis, as long as a link to the listing is publically accessible via the school website.

E. The listing of materials for each school year shall remain available via the school website until at least the completion of the following year’s listing.