

# FIRST REVIEW OF PROPOSED STATE- APPROVED TEXTBOOKS FOR 6-12 ENGLISH

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Meeting

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# RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND CODE

The Board of Education's authority for approving textbooks and other instructional materials is prescribed in the *Code of Virginia* §22.1-238 stating:

- The Board of Education shall have authority to approve textbooks and instructional aids and materials for use in courses in the public schools of the Commonwealth.
- The Board of Education's *Regulations Governing Textbook Adoption* specifies the types of materials that may be approved.

# COMPONENTS OF THE REVIEW

- Review components adhere to the Board of Education's Virginia Textbook Review Process
- Correlation Requirements:
  - Part I: Correlation to the 2024 English Standards of Learning
    - Review of correlation to the Reading Standards
    - Review of correlation to the Writing Standards
  - Part II: Instructional Planning and Support
    - Criterion 1: Textbook is presented in an organized, logical manner, is free of bias, and is appropriate for the age, grade, and maturity of the students.
    - Criterion 2: Textbook is organized appropriately within and among units of study.
    - Criterion 3: Format design includes titles, subheadings, and appropriate cross-referencing for ease of use.
    - Criterion 4: Writing style, syntax, and vocabulary are appropriate.
    - Criterion 5: Texts are high quality, relevant, rigorous, rich in vocabulary, and meet appropriate complexity for the grade level.
    - Criterion 6: Texts and materials integrate reading, writing, and discussion to build knowledge on topics and concepts.
    - Criterion 7: Instructional strategies include multiple opportunities for students to build depth of understanding and the materials provide a range of scaffolds for support and enrichment.

# CONSIDERATIONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

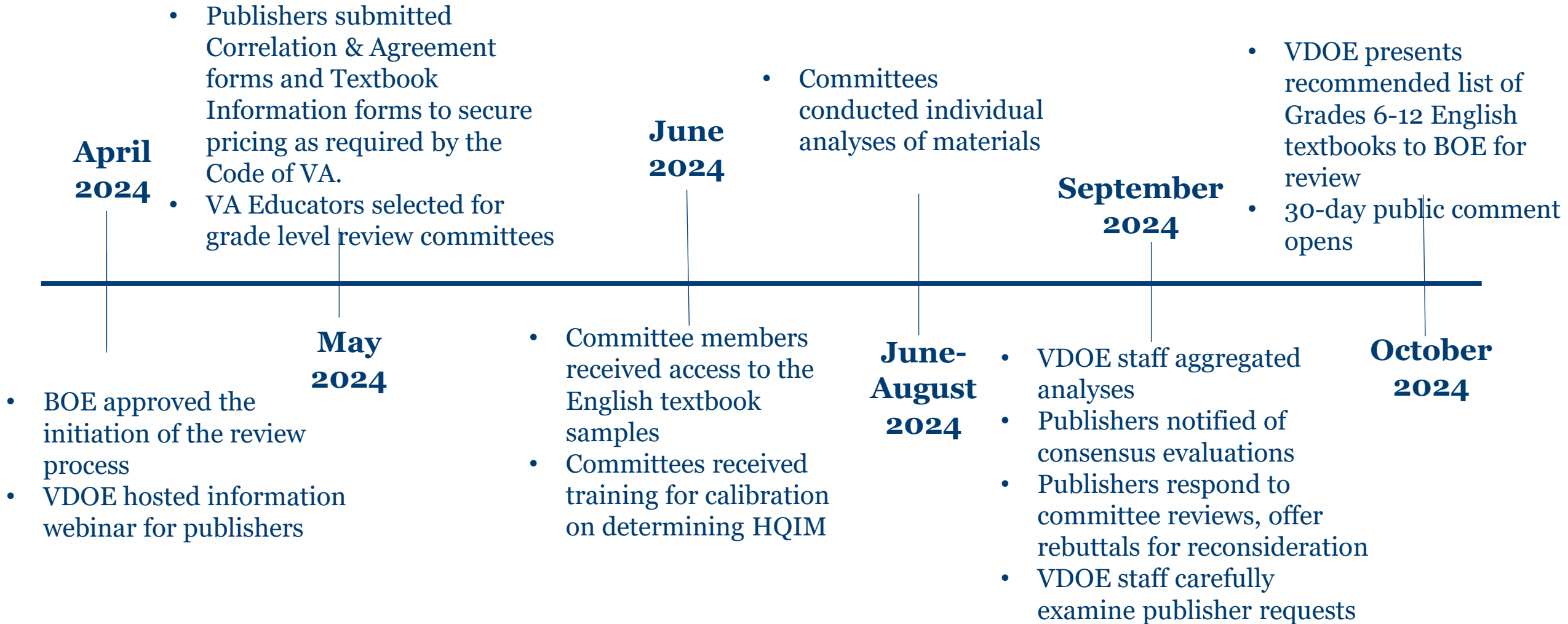
Six publishers submitted textbooks for review for grades 6-12

67-total number of textbooks reviewed

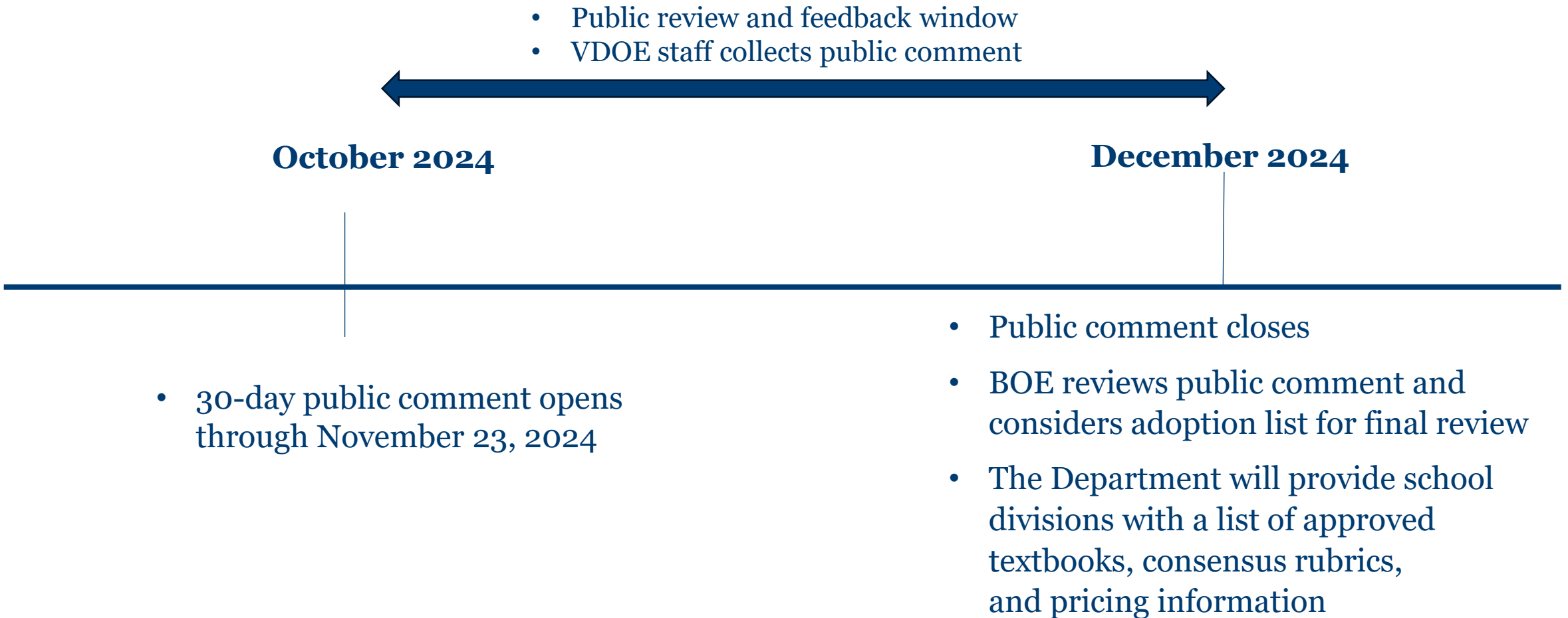
2 Publishers withdrew 7 textbooks that did not correlate sufficiently to the 2024 *English Standards of Learning*

60 proposed recommended English textbooks and materials for consideration by the BOE

# TIMELINE



# ANTICIPATED NEXT STEPS: OCTOBER 2024-DECEMBER 2024



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