

HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BP 4042 Open Educational Resources and Low-Cost Textbooks

References: Ed. Code s. 66406.9, 20 U.S.C. s. 1015(b), Title 5 s. 59404, BP 4030

Introduction

Hartnell College is committed to the pursuit of student learning and success. The HCCD Board and faculty agree that the rising costs of textbooks and other instructional materials can create barriers to student achievement of academic goals. To promote equity and ensure that every student has the resources to access an education, persist, and succeed, Hartnell College supports faculty adoption of free and low-cost educational resources when feasible.

Academic Freedom

As set forth in BP 4030, faculty shall be free to select and use textbooks and instructional materials they deem appropriate to meet the stated learning outcomes for the course.

Textbook Selection

Open Educational Resources (OER) are learning resources that are no-cost and openly licensed, generally by Creative Commons licensing. Low-Cost textbooks are textbooks that cost \$40 or less. Faculty are encouraged to adopt OER or a Low-Cost textbook when and if faculty judge it to be of appropriate quality and rigor for the course.

Compliance with Federal and State Textbook Legislation

To ensure student awareness, the online course schedule shall designate course sections that have adopted free or Low-Cost textbooks and shall comply with all federal and state legislation relating to textbook costs.

Development of ZTC and Low-Cost Credentials

Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) course sections do not have a textbook cost. Low-Cost course sections have a \$40 or less textbook cost. Degrees and Certificates made up solely of ZTC and/or Low-Cost course sections provide cost-effective educational pathways for students. Hartnell College supports the development and promotion of ZTC and Low-Cost credentials to enhance student access, persistence, and success.

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