

6A-14.092 Textbook Affordability.

Pursuant to Section 1004.085, F.S., institutions within the Florida College System through the Chief Academic Officer or designee(s) shall:

~~(1) Adopt textbooks and instructional materials no later than seventy five (75) days prior to the first day of classes for 95% of sections. No later than seventy five (75) days prior to the first day of classes, colleges shall share a list of adopted textbooks and instructional materials with bookstores to allow sufficient lead time to bookstores to work with publishers so as to confirm availability of the requested materials and to ensure maximum availability of used books. Where courses are added after this seventy five (75) day deadline, textbooks for such courses shall be adopted as soon as is feasible to ensure sufficient lead time. Monitor and confirm compliance with Section 1004.085(5), F.S., which requires that required and recommended textbooks and instructional materials are published at least forty-five (45) days before the first day of class for each term for at least 95 percent of all scheduled course sections. Sections where no textbook is required or no-cost open educational resources are used are subject to the forty-five (45) day notification requirement. Exceptions to this requirement are as follows:~~

~~(a) The originally adopted textbook or instructional material is no longer available;~~

~~(b) A faculty member is hired or assigned to teach the course section after the forty-five (45) day notification deadline;~~

~~(c) The course section is added after the forty-five (45) day notification deadline;~~

~~(d) The instructional modality of the course section changes after the forty-five (45) day notification deadline;~~

~~(e) The course is continuing education workforce; and~~

~~(f) Other exceptions which are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and subject to approval by the Chief Academic Officer or designee(s).~~

(2) Ensure that pursuant to Section 1004.085(6), F.S., for those classes added after the forty-five (45) day notification deadline, ~~institutions shall post~~ textbook information is posted on their websites immediately as such information becomes available.

(3) Select textbooks and instructional materials through cost-benefit analyses that enable students to obtain the highest-quality product at the lowest available price, by considering, in addition to those items listed in Section 1004.085(7)(g), F.S.:

(a) The length of time that textbooks and instructional materials remain in use, prioritizing textbooks and instructional materials that will remain in use for a minimum of three (3) years.

(b) Course-wide adoption, specifically for ~~high enrollment~~ general education courses.

(4) Identify a process to ensure publishers provide a description of the content revisions made between the current edition and a proposed new edition of required textbook and instructional materials.

(5) ~~The board of trustees of each Florida College System institution shall report~~ Report by September 30 of each year to the Chancellor of the Florida College System, in a format determined by the Chancellor, the following:

(a) The textbook and instructional materials selection process for ~~general education courses with a wide cost variance and high-enrollment courses; course sections with no cost shall not be included in the examination of cost variance between different sections of the same course.~~

(b) Specific initiatives of the institution designed to reduce the costs of textbooks and instructional materials;

(c) Policies implemented regarding the posting of textbook and instructional materials for at least 95% of all courses and course sections forty-five (45) days before the first day of class;

(d) The number of courses and course sections that were not able to meet the textbook and instructional materials posting deadline for the previous academic year, identifying those related to exceptions provided under subsection (2); and

(e) Any additional information requested by the Chancellor.

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