



Rule Workshop

6A-14.092 Textbook and Course Material Affordability and Transparency

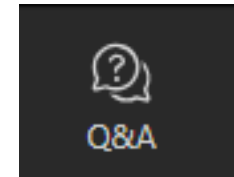
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Agenda

- Rule Background and Overview
- Proposed Rule Amendment
- Impact on Florida College System Institutions
- Timeline and Next Steps
- Q & A
- Public Comment

Rule Background and Overview

- Rule 6A-14.092, F.A.C., currently sets forth the adoption, posting, and reporting requirements for Florida College System institutions relating to textbook and course material affordability and transparency in accordance with criteria set forth in Sections (ss.) 1004.085 and 1006.73, Florida Statutes (F.S.).
- The Rule has been in place since 2009 and was amended in 2017 and twice in 2022.
- The rule currently outlines:
 - The textbook and instructional material adoption process;
 - The textbook and instructional materials forty-five (45) day posting requirements and limited exceptions;
 - The textbook and instructional materials five-year (5) posting requirements;
 - The general education core course forty-five (45) day syllabi posting requirements and limited exceptions; and
 - The reporting requirements.

Proposed Rule Amendment

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- There is a reordering of certain sections for consistency and clarity.
- Subsection (1): The purpose statement was updated to reflect informed student choice as a top priority for Florida College System institutions.
- Subsection (2): Edits for the sake of clarity and technical edits were made.
- Subsection (3): The original paragraphs (4)(a) and (c) were relocated to subsection (3) to consolidate the two paragraphs since both paragraphs outline the same posting requirements, and the original paragraph (4)(b) was stricken as it is no longer necessary.
- Paragraph (3)(a): Specific requirements were included for consistency instead of simply citing the statute reference.
- Subparagraph (3)(a)(1): A new criterion was added to the requirement for the list to be searchable by general education course status.
- Paragraph (3)(b): The provision for the list to be easily accessible from the institution's consumer information website was relocated from the original paragraph (4)(a).

Proposed Rule Amendment (continued)

- Paragraph (3)(d): Updated for clarity.
- Subsection (4): A new provision was added for syllabi to be publicly accessible and downloadable by current and prospective students, and references from the statute to “general education core course” syllabi were removed to set forth the requirement that the syllabi of all courses, not just general education core courses, should adhere to the posting requirements to comport with the emphasis on student transparency.
- Subparagraph (4)(a)(1-5): New provisions were added requiring more specificity to inform students of the syllabi requirements, and technical edits were made.
- Paragraph (4)(c): Updated for clarity.
- Subsection (5): A new provision was added that excludes certain types of courses from the requirements.
- Paragraphs (6)(e),(f): Referencing limiting transparency to “general education core course” syllabi were removed.

Impact on Florida College System Institutions

- Promotes increased transparency for current and prospective students.
- Clarifies institutional posting responsibilities and limited exceptions and streamlines reporting requirements.
- Requires additional information to be included in syllabi and for institutions to reflect compliance with those changes in reporting.
- Requires institutions to post and make publicly accessible the syllabus for each course section.

Draft Rule Language: 6A-14.092, F.A.C.

6A-14.092 Textbook and Course Material Affordability and Transparency.

(1) Purpose. ~~The purpose of~~ In order to maximize informed student choice, this rule ~~is to~~ sets forth the adoption, posting, and reporting requirements for Florida College System institutions relating to textbook and course material affordability and transparency.

(2) Textbook and Instructional Material Adoption Requirements.

(a) Each Florida College System institution is required to select textbooks and instructional materials through cost-benefit analyses that enable students to obtain the highest-quality product at the lowest available price. Pursuant to Section (s.) 1004.085(1), Florida Statutes (F.S.), the term “instructional materials” means educational materials for use within a course which may be available in printed or digital format.

(b) The cost-benefit analysis must include consideration of the items listed in ~~Section s.~~ Section s. 1004.085(6)(g), F.S., and:

1. 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.
2. Course-wide adoption, specifically for general education courses.

(c) Prior to the adoption of the selected textbook and instructional materials, instructors must confirm the intent to use all materials pursuant to ~~Section s.~~ Section s. 1004.085(6)(b), F.S.

(d) Institutions must ensure that proposed new editions have undergone a review process to determine whether the content revisions to the current version of a textbook or instructional material warrant the adoption of the new edition. Institutions may request the publisher provide descriptions of content revisions.

(e) Development, adaptation, and review of open educational resources and instructional materials must be a collaborative process pursuant to ~~Section s.~~ Section s. 1004.085(6)(e), F.S.

(f) For textbooks and instructional materials for use in dual enrollment courses, institutions must consult with school districts as outlined in ~~Section s.~~ Section s. 1004.085(6)(f), F.S.

(g) Institutions must have options in place to make textbooks and instructional materials available to students who may not be able to afford the cost pursuant to ~~Section s.~~ Section s. 1004.085(6)(d), F.S.

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(3) Textbook and Instructional Materials List Forty-Five (45) Day and Five-Year (5) Posting Requirements. Each Florida College System institution is required to publish prominently post and make publicly accessible on its website and in its course registration system a list of required and recommended textbooks and instructional materials as early as feasible but at least forty-five (45) days before the first day of class for each term for at least ninety-five (95) percent of all scheduled course sections and maintain the list of the preceding five (5) academic years. The five-year (5) list must be updated annually by September 1 to include the preceding Fall, Spring, and Summer Terms.

(a) The list of required and recommended textbook and instructional materials must include the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) or other identifying information, which must include, at a minimum: the title, all authors listed, publishers, edition number, copyright date, published date, and other relevant information necessary to identify the specific textbooks or instructional materials required and recommended for each course ~~meet the requirements of Section 1004.085(5)(a), F.S.,~~ and must be searchable by:

1. General education status;
- ~~1.~~ 2. Course subject;
- ~~2.~~ 3. Course number;
- ~~3.~~ 4. Course title;
4. Name of the instructor of the course;
- ~~5.~~ 6. Title of each assigned textbook or instructional material; and
- ~~6.~~ 7. Each author of an assigned textbook or instructional material.

(b) The list of required and recommended textbook and instructional materials must be publicly accessible from the institution's consumer information website and easily downloadable by current and prospective students.

(c) Sections where no textbook is required or no-cost open educational resources are used must have an icon to indicate their status as zero cost. The Zero Textbook Cost Indicator developed by the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network may be used for this purpose pursuant to Section s. 1006.73(4), F.S.

~~(d) For course sections added after the forty-five (45) day notification deadline, including course sections with a reasonable exception under paragraph (3)(c), textbook and instructional material information must be posted immediately as such information becomes available.~~

~~(e) (d) Limited eExceptions to the fForty-fFive (45) eDay Textbook and Instructional Materials List pPosting rRequirements. are as follows. For course sections with a limited exception under this paragraph, textbook and instructional material information must be posted immediately as such information becomes available. Limited exceptions are as follows:~~

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1. The originally adopted textbook or instructional material is no longer available;
2. A faculty member is hired or assigned to teach the course section after the forty-five (45) day notification deadline;
3. The course section is added after the forty-five (45) day notification deadline.
4. The instructional modality of the course section changes after the forty-five (45) day notification deadline; and
5. The course is continuing workforce education.

~~(4) Textbook and Instructional Materials Five-Year (5) Posting Requirements. Each Florida College System institution is required to maintain and publish a list of required and recommended textbooks for the preceding five (5) academic years.~~

~~(a) The five-year (5) list must be inclusive of the components required under paragraph (3)(a) and must be easily accessible from the institution's consumer information website.~~

~~(b) By May 1, 2023, each Florida College System institution must publish the textbooks and instructional materials list for academic years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22.~~

~~(c) Beginning in 2023 for academic year 2022-23, and thereafter, the five-year (5) list must be updated annually by September 1 to include the preceding Fall, Spring, and Summer Terms.~~

~~(5) (4) General Education Core Course Forty-Five (45) Day Syllabi Posting Requirements. Each Florida College System institution is required to publish prominently post and make publicly accessible course syllabi for each course section of a general education core course identified in Rule 6A-14.0303, F.A.C., as early as feasible but at least forty-five (45) days before the first day of class for each term. All course syllabi should be publicly accessible and easily downloadable by current and prospective students.~~

~~(a) Minimally, aAll general education core course syllabi must include:~~

1. The course Curriculum;
2. The Goals, objectives, and student expectations of the course;
3. Objectives;
4. Student expectations of the course; and
3. The required and recommended textbooks and instructional materials;
4. Student assignments, including required readings; and
5. How student performance will be measured and evaluated, including the grading scale and methodology.

~~(b) Course syllabi may include other information specific to the institution.~~

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~~(e) Each institution is required to publish the syllabus for each general education core course section. For general education core course sections added after the forty-five (45) day notification deadline, including course sections with a reasonable exception under paragraph (5)(d), master course syllabi, where available, may be posted. Master course syllabi include course content, learning outcomes, and requirements that must be followed by all instructors who teach the course. Master course syllabi must be replaced immediately as soon as final course section syllabi become available.~~

~~(d) (c) Limited exceptions to the forty-five (45) day syllabi posting requirements are as follows. For course sections with a limited exception under this paragraph, master course syllabi, where available, may be posted. Master course syllabi include course content, learning outcomes, and requirements that must be followed by all instructors who teach the course. Master course syllabi must be replaced immediately as soon as final course section syllabi become available. Limited exceptions are as follows:~~

~~1. A faculty member has not yet been assigned to teach the course section before the forty-five (45) day notification deadline; and~~

~~2. The course section is added after the forty-five (45) day notification deadline.~~

~~(5) Individualized courses, such as directed independent studies, internships, and performance, are exempt from the requirements in (3) and (4).~~

~~(6) Reporting Requirements. Each Florida College System institution is required to 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 high enrollment courses;~~

~~(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 ninety-five (95) percent 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 paragraph (3)(e);~~

~~(e) Procedures implemented regarding the posting of general education core course syllabi for at least ninety-five (95) percent of all courses and course sections forty-five (45) days before the first day of class; and~~

~~(f) Evidence of compliance with the general education core course syllabi posting requirement.~~

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1004.085(5), (6), 1006.73(4) FS. Law Implemented 1004.085, 1006.73 FS. History—New 2-25-09, Amended 10-17-17, 3-15-22, 9-20-22.

Timeline for Implementation and Next Steps

- We anticipate the State Board of Education will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at its November 13, 2025, meeting.
- Once the rule is effective, the Florida Department of Education will provide additional technical assistance and guidance, as needed.
- Each college should review the statutory and rule requirements and update their existing policies and procedures to comply with the provisions. This may include updating institutional catalogs and websites and modifying reporting mechanisms.

Q&A

Question & Answer

- We are now at the Q & A portion of the workshop.
- To submit questions, please use the “Q&A” function.
- We will start answering questions already in the questions pane.
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- There may be a period of silence while the questions are being reviewed.

Public Comment

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