

## Student Survey: Affordable Cost for Class Materials



### Greetings

Dear Washington State community and technical college students,

**What do you believe is a reasonable cost for class materials?** Please fill out this survey and let us know. It will help us meet a state requirement to notify students which classes use low or no cost materials.

This survey is a partnership between the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and the Washington Community & Technical Colleges Student Association.

Don't worry. This survey is **anonymous**. No names are collected on the survey. The findings will not be used to evaluate you or your college.

Feel free to forward this survey to fellow Washington state community and technical college students. Thank you for taking a few moments to be **a voice for this statewide change**.

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### About Me

\* 1. My college

\* 2. My specific degree or certificate program. If not sure, write "I don't know it yet."

Examples: Associate in Nursing, Associate in Arts, Associate in Applied Science and Advanced Manufacturing, Certificate of Proficiency-Computer Numerical Control, Accounting Clerk Certificate, etc.

\* 3. I intend to transfer to a 4-year college or university

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

\* 4. I currently receive financial aid

- Yes
- No

5. So far, I have taken college class for \_\_\_\_\_ quarters over \_\_\_\_\_ number of years

Number of quarters

Number of years

6. On average, I take \_\_\_\_\_ credits per quarter

Less than 10

10-14

15 or more

Other (please specify)

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### My thoughts about the reasonable costs for course materials

- \* 1. How much do you feel is reasonable to pay for **ALL required** instructional materials for a single (5 credit), quarter-long class? **Check all that apply.**

This includes textbooks, reference websites, courseware packages, access code to the homework website, etc. It does not include supplies, such as notebook paper, art materials, thumb drives, or calculators.

- 30 dollars or below
- 40 dollars or below
- 50 dollars or below
- 60 dollars or below
- 70 dollars or below
- 80 dollars or below
- 90 dollars or below
- 100 dollars or below
- 120 dollars or below
- 150 dollars or below
- 200 dollars or below
- Other amount (please specify)

## 2. How often are each of the following statements true for you?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
I have my required course materials ready for the first day of the class	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have taken courses without having (purchasing or renting) the required materials due to the cost	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My financial aid money has arrived in time for me to purchase the required course materials by the first day of class	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 3. Of all the financial sources for purchasing course materials, what percent of them were financial aid, personal funds, financial support from others, and something else? (Must total 100%)

Financial aid	<input type="text"/>
Personal funds	<input type="text"/>
Financial support from parents or others	<input type="text"/>
Other source (please specify)	<input type="text"/>

## 4. How often are any of the following statements true for you? "In the past, the cost of class materials has caused me to..."

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Take fewer classes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not register for a specific class	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drop or withdraw from a class	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Go without the required materials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Borrow the required materials from someone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>			

5. Imagine you have \$100 to spend to improve textbook affordability in WA State. How would you distribute that money across these following options?

	<b>Your Investment Amount (must total \$100)</b>
Develop more free or low-cost course materials	\$
Advertise the courses that use free or low-cost course materials	\$
Display the actual costs of required course materials during registration	\$
Create incentives/rewards for faculty members who provide free or low cost course materials	\$
Create educational opportunities to teach everyone at a college about free or low cost course materials	\$
Support student governments in lobbying for state policies around course materials cost	\$
Get more students involved in establishing policies around course materials cost	\$
Your new idea (write your idea in the adjacent line and make sure you include how much of your \$100 you would invest in this)	\$

Describe your new idea here

This concludes the survey. Thank you very much for participating. If you are interested in receiving emails about this topic, please fill out this form: <https://tinyurl.com/wactcsa-opened>.