



Continuing the Adventures of **Instructional Materials Affordability Guidelines!**

at
Montgomery College

If you have been an educator for a while, you have no doubt noticed dramatic increases in the cost of textbooks over the last few years and growing concern about the inaccessibility of instructional material to students with print disabilities. The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 and Maryland Senate Bill 183 have been enacted to respond to this issue.

You play a critical role in the affordability and accessibility of course materials. By submitting your adoptions on time, MC Books & More will be able to:

- Post your textbook selection on the MC Books & More web list so that students may shop for the best prices.
- Determine if your textbook can be purchased from students through the buyback process at the end of the semester.
- Have ample time to search the used textbook market to obtain used copies.

Also, by getting your adoption in by the due date, Disability Support Services will have enough time to obtain accessible copies for print disabled students.

It is up to us to help maximize the value of adopted textbooks while also supporting the spirit and intent of state and federal legislation.

- Consider a long term adoption. Using the same textbook for multiple semesters allows MC Books & More to buy back our students' textbooks at the highest price in subsequent semesters.
- Is a new edition of your text substantially different from the old? If you are interested in adopting the latest edition, would you be able to use both the old and new editions in class? If so, please inform MC Books & More during the adoption process, so we may obtain copies of both editions, etc.
- When considering a "bundled" package, be certain that all the included materials will be used. If not, they may unnecessarily add to student costs.
- Customized materials or other available formats may reduce costs to students. However, they may also reduce the student's ability to sell materials back to MC Books & More during buyback. Currently, these publisher formats are not eligible for Buyback: Unbound or binder versions, packages containing one-time use components (such access codes), and workbooks.

Remember to check when your textbook adoptions are due for each future semester.

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