

Leeward CC Student Textbook Survey

Summary of Selected Responses

Higher textbook costs continue to deter students from purchasing their assigned materials

According to a [report released by the Student PIRG](#), a survey of 2,039 students from more than 150 different university campuses found **65% of students** said they decided not to buy a required textbook at least once due to cost.

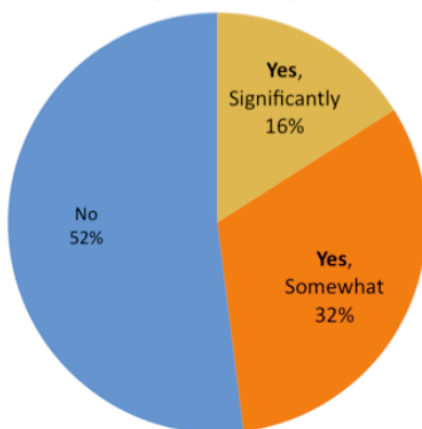
Similarly, a survey at Leeward CC of 987 students showed **55% of students** said they decided not to buy a required textbook for a course. (Average response rate for Leeward CC surveys is 200)

41% of students felt they performed poorly in a class because they chose not to purchase the required textbooks.

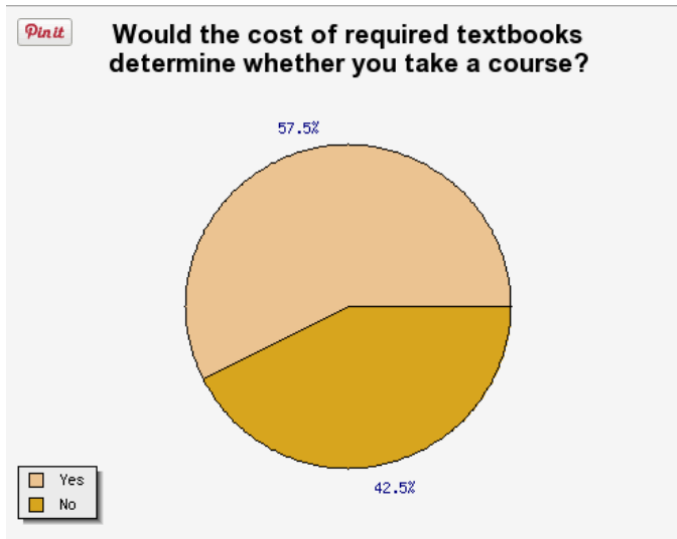
High textbook costs can have a ripple effect on students' other academic decisions

According to the [Student PIRG Report](#), nearly half of all students surveyed said that the cost of textbooks impacted how many/which classes they took each semester.

**Did textbook costs impact which/
how many classes you took?**

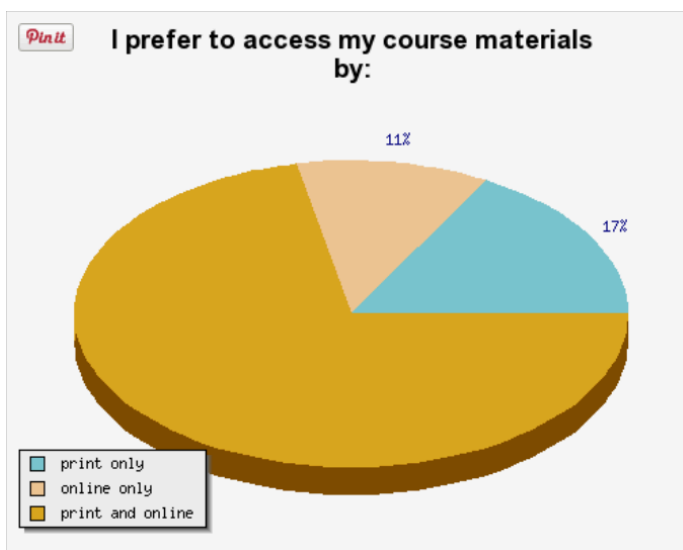


While an identical question was not asked in the [Leeward CC survey](#), 58% of Leeward students reported the cost of textbooks determined whether they took a course.



Access Preference

An interesting datapoint from the [Leeward CC survey](#) showed that 72% of students prefer to access their course materials by **both** print and online.



Less than 11% of students responding to the Leeward CC survey indicated that planning for textbooks costs was easy. Twenty-six percent said that they needed to choose between books and other expenses while 24% had to earn additional income or find scholarships to pay for textbooks. High textbook costs is forcing students to make difficult personal and educational decisions which adds to their stress levels - nearly 39% responded that planning for textbook costs “stresses them out!”

Planning for next semester's textbook costs...

