



The West Hills Community College District is committed to the relentless pursuit of student success. The WHCCD Board and faculty agree that the rising costs of textbooks and materials has created barriers to success for some students, especially those least able to afford required textbooks. Open Educational Resources (OER) allow students to use no-cost or low-cost (when no other options are available) textbooks and other learning materials, directly supporting the District's mission of access and success.

All community college faculty are encouraged to adopt an OER textbook and/or OER resources when and if faculty finds OER of appropriate quality and rigor with acceptable supplemental instructional resources and approved by the college Curriculum Committee.

When considering an OER for a course, the OER itself and the supplemental resources associated with it must be accessible and meet Section 508 compliance.

The colleges of the West Hills Community College District shall make use of OER materials in accordance with applicable state and federal copyright laws; accepted best practices of the OER community; and college policies and academic standards.