



The West Hills Community College District is committed to providing students with burden-free access to their instructional materials. The WHCCD Board recognizes that the rising cost of commercial textbooks and access codes can present barriers to student success and equity.

A primary strategy for increasing access to instructional materials is the use of Open Educational Resources (OER), which are defined as teaching, learning, and research materials that are free of cost and openly licensed. OER enables students to access required instructional materials on or before the first day of class.

Faculty are encouraged to explore, adopt, and adapt OER for their courses when such resources are available and meet standards of quality and rigor as outlined in the approved course outline of record.

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.