

Why use Open Educational Resources?



Open Educational Resources Can Be

Full courses, learning objects, tests or any other tools, materials, or techniques that support access to knowledge.



Course Materials



Open Textbooks



Videos



Lesson Plans



Software



Games

Benefits for Faculty

- ★ Increases student retention by reducing costs
- 📄 Assures academic freedom to modify or add content to your specifications
- 👤 Extends your academic profile
- 📄 Provides more relevant and engaging materials for your students

Benefits for Students

- 💰 Low cost or free
- 🔍 Easy to find and access — even before classes start
- ⚙️ More customized and relevant



Must Meet the Following 5Rs



Reuse:

Content can be reused in its unaltered form

Retain:

Users have the right to make, archive, and "own" copies of the content

Revise:

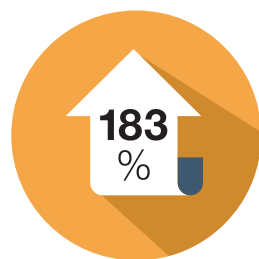
Content can be adapted, adjusted, modified or altered

Remix:

The original or revised content can be combined with other content to create something new

Redistribute:

Copies of the content can be shared with others in its original, revised or remixed form



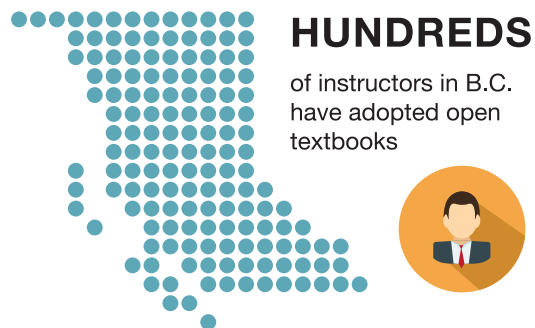
Rise in textbook costs



\$14 MILLION*

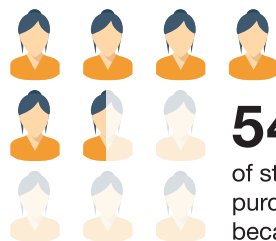
in textbook cost savings for B.C. PSE students since 2012

*Stats collected Nov. 1, 2019



HUNDREDS

of instructors in B.C. have adopted open textbooks



54%

of students report NOT purchasing a textbook because of its high price

Jhangiani, R.S., & Jhangiani, S. (2017). Investigating the perceptions, use, and impact of open textbooks: A survey of post-secondary students in British Columbia. The International Review of Research in Open and Distributed Learning.

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