

Should Textbooks be Free in High Schools?



English II, A3

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Yes Textbooks Should be Free

- ▶ Yes high schools should make text books free to all students, because it will make students easier to study, you can write on it, and you can even bring it back to home and study

The BIG BUSINESS of TEXTBOOKS

800%
Rise in textbook costs over the past 30 years

65%

Students who have opted not to buy a required textbook due to cost

\$1,200

What the average college student spends per year on books and supplies

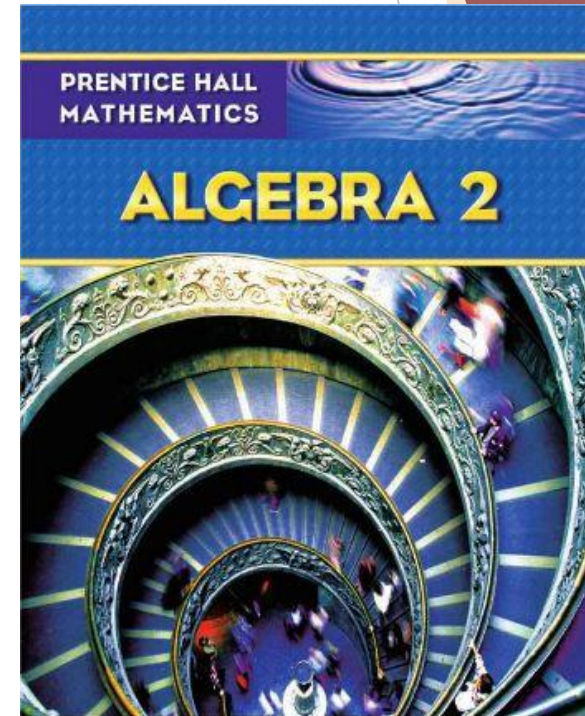
\$4.3 billion

Total earnings on higher education course materials from 1,200 publishers surveyed

SOURCES: College Board, U.S. PIRG Education Fund, Student PIRGs, Association of American Publishers

You can bring it back home

- ▶ First reason text books should be free is that if you have textbooks at home, you can study before being taught or refer back to things you studied before easier.
- ▶ For example, if you don't remember how to solve a math problem you can just check the textbook anytime.

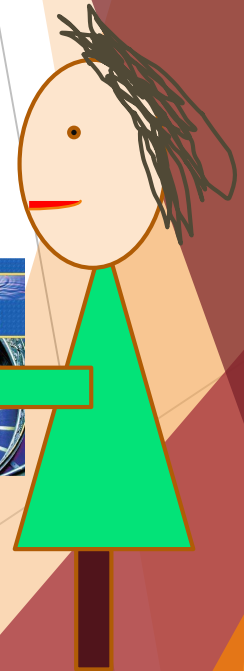
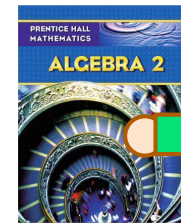


You can write on it

- ▶ Second reason is that you can write on it if you have your own textbook.
- ▶ For example, you can write notes, highlight important things, or add drawings that summarize the information.

You don't need your teacher

- ▶ Last reason textbooks should be free is that you can understand things even when your teacher doesn't explain it enough.
- ▶ For example, when your teacher doesn't explain things but you need to do your homework, you can read your textbook and study on your own, or at least you can spot what you don't know and google it.



Conclusion

- ▶ Textbooks should be free for high school students, it doesn't need to be gorgeous and gigantic like the ones around here with many trashy information on it, but having your own text books will help students study easier on their own, so it should be free for everyone.

