

Meeting the Textbook Reporting Requirements for Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008

1. The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, Public Law 110-315, Section 133 is designed to ensure students have access to affordable college textbooks and supplemental materials.
2. The Act mandates that universities must make information about required textbook and supplemental materials available to students in their online course schedules by July 1, 2010. They must also make certain information available to their affiliated bookstores.
3. Affiliated bookstores working with K-State to meet the federal mandate are the K-State Union Bookstore/Varney's (Manhattan campus), Follet's (Salina campus), and KVESS (College of Vet. Med.).
4. To meet the requirement, the bookstores will continue to collect the required textbook information from faculty and make it available to students. Links are being added to ISIS and the Registrar's online course schedule to the bookstore listings.
5. Beginning this spring, students will be able to link through ISIS or the Registrar's online course schedule to textbook information for each course/section listing maintained by the bookstores.
6. Students continue to have the ability to purchase textbooks anywhere.
7. Faculty will need to respond to requested information from the bookstores, even if it is to report that they will not be using a textbook. The process is very simple.
8. The bookstores will continue to follow up with faculty and department heads (Manhattan campus) or the Dean's Office (Salina campus), as needed.
9. Four weeks prior to the beginning of each semester, summary compliance reports of faculty within their College will be provided to the Deans for follow up, if needed. Reports will be sent by the Office of Academic Personnel.
10. Additional information will be shared with faculty, staff, and students in the coming weeks.
11. The K-State Union Bookstore/Varney's has maintained a "no call" list of a small number of faculty who did not want to be contacted for textbook information. Faculty on the list will be contacted directly to explain the reporting requirement .