

## **Southeast Dubois County School Corporation**

### **2022 – 2023 Textbook Rental & Fees Schedule**

Textbook rental and fee schedules for all schools are listed below:

Regular Ed Preschool \$25 Full; \$17 Reduced; \$12 Free

Kindergarten \$181.67

First Grade \$183.73

Second Grade \$183.29

Third Grade \$170.04

Fourth Grade \$170.57

Fifth Grade \$156.47

Sixth Grade \$181.47

Junior and Senior high school: Based on student's course schedule and other fees

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **What are textbook rental and fees in the State of Indiana?**

The textbook rental fee is established within the Indiana Code (IC 20-26-12). The monies collected from textbook rental fees are used to fund textbooks or equivalents during each adoption cycle. Textbooks are purchased on a six-year cycle. In addition to textbook rental, a fee structure is set up for each content and specialty area to assist in the purchase of supplies and materials other than textbooks. A committee of parents, teachers, and administrators meet to examine materials and make their final recommendation to the superintendent and school board. After the school board approves the textbook selections, textbook rental charges are established.

#### **When are textbook rental and fees due?**

Textbook rental is due in August during registration.

#### **Is assistance available for textbook rental?**

Partial financial assistance for textbooks from the State of Indiana is available for those families meeting federal guidelines for Free/Reduced meals. Children from families whose total GROSS income (before deductions) is at or below the specified levels may apply for textbook assistance. In order to receive textbook assistance, parents must submit a completed Free/Reduced meal application that is correctly and completely filled out. The box, "Do you want to receive Textbook Assistance?" MUST be checked as YES and that part of the application MUST also be signed. The law provides only partial assistance and WILL NOT cover fees. Those receiving partial assistance will be asked to pay that portion of the expenses not covered by the law.

You may apply for free or reduced meals and textbook rental assistance at the beginning of each school year, at the time of enrollment, or any time during the year if your financial situation changes. Free or reduced meal and textbook assistance applications are available from your school office.

Each year during the second semester, the Indiana Department of Education sends the school corporation an amount per eligible child based on state available funds. Families who qualify for textbook rental assistance, will receive a statement showing the amount the state paid for each of their students. The school requests the remaining balance to be paid by the parent/guardian. Fees are not eligible for assistance and must be paid by all parents/guardians.

**My child enrolled after the first day of school. Are my student's textbook rental and fees reduced?**

Textbook rental and fees may be prorated depending on the date your student enrolls in our district. Contact your student's school for more information.

**What if my child loses or damages a textbook/equivalent?**

Replacement textbooks/equivalents are available. However, you will be charged the full replacement price of any textbook/equivalent that is lost or damaged to the point that it cannot be used. Charges for textbooks/equivalents that are damaged but able to be repaired will be assessed according to the needed repair.

**What if I am unable to pay the entire balance due?**

Payment contracts are available upon request at your student's school.

**What if I don't pay the textbook rental?**

Your school will follow up with families whose textbook rental remains unpaid. The School Corporation works with the IN Association of Counties' TRECS (Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System) program to assist with collection of textbook rentals that is not received.

**What happens if I am sent to IN Association of Counties' TRECS?**

A debtor has 30 days from the letter they receive from TRECS to make payment to the School Corporation. After the 30 days, the debt amount is matched to income refund with the IN Department of Revenue.