



Reference: *SB 1052, Steinberg. Public postsecondary education: California Open Education Resources Council;*
Senate Bill 1053: California Digital Open Source Library;
California Education Code Sections 67302 and 67302.5 of, 66408 and 66409, the, relating to public postsecondary education;
Summary of AB 798, October 2015;
Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Resolution 6.05, adopted April 11, 2015
West Hills Community College District Strategic Plan, 2016-2020

The West Hills Community College District is committed to the relentless pursuit of student success. The WHCCD Board and faculty agree that the rising costs of textbooks and materials has created barriers to success for some students, especially those least able to afford textbooks. Open Educational Resources (OER) allow students to use no-cost or low-cost textbooks and other learning materials, directly supporting the District's mission of access and success.

In the spirit of AB 798, all community college faculty are encouraged to adopt an OER when and if an OER of appropriate quality and rigor with acceptable supplemental instructional resources is found by faculty and approved by the college Curriculum Committee.

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 District and its faculty are committed to identifying, promoting the use of, and encouraging the development and/or adoption of high-quality and viable OER for course textbooks and other digital materials wherever possible to include, at a minimum, 80% of all degree-applicable programs in the first year.

The colleges of the West Hills Community College District shall make use of OER materials in accordance with the Creative Commons Licensing standards; applicable state and federal copyright laws; accepted best practices of the OER community; and college policies and academic standards.

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