

Textbook Policy for State Funded Classes

On September 25, 2007, I received an e-mail from the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) office. The following quote is from the e-mail:

“Districts are reimbursed for fire service training provided to firefighters sponsored by fire departments through the local assistance funds in the 2% Fire Dues appropriation that WTCS receives from the Department of Commerce. The amount of the appropriation for local assistance is \$600,000 per year.

Over the last several years, the costs of fire service training provided by the districts have increased to the point where those costs have exceeded the level of available funding for the fiscal year. Consequently, the WTCS has been forced to use funds from the next fiscal year’s appropriation to pay for expenses of the current fiscal year. This practice is unsustainable; therefore, we must limit the amount of money distributed to the districts to the \$600,000 appropriated by the Legislature in any given fiscal year.”

As a result of the above situation, the Wisconsin Technical College System has ultimately decided that textbooks will no longer be reimbursed by the state. **It is now the responsibility of the student or the department to pay for textbooks.**

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