



## “Zero Textbook Cost” Class Schedule Logo (SB 1359) Info Sheet



State law now requires that community colleges indicate which sections have no cost for course materials. Los Rios will accomplish this by adding a Zero Textbook Cost logo (shown above) to the class schedule next to qualifying course sections. The process for having the logo added to your class will involve completing a 1-page form listing courses, which should have the logo. Faculty will receive more information from the Vice President for Instruction.

Classes are eligible for this logo only if there are no mandatory course material costs such as textbook or material printing costs to students. If students are required to pay for printing of any part of a textbook or reading assignment, then the logo can't be placed on the schedule for that course section.

### Common Examples -- Do They Qualify?

1. Students in a class are assigned a free OER textbook alternative, and are not required to purchase a traditional textbook. However, the professor requires students to print out some of the readings and bring them to class to refer to during class discussions.  
.....No, This class doesn't qualify -- there is a required printing cost to students.
2. Students in a class are assigned a required textbook that is available free online, or can optionally be purchased as a low-cost print edition. The instructor never requires any student to pay to print any part of the textbook.  
.....Yes, This class qualifies for the logo because there is zero cost to students!
3. Students are assigned a free textbook or OER that is available online, but are required to pay for an access code, in order to complete required class activities.  
.....No, This class doesn't qualify -- there is a required cost to students.
4. A professor requires students to read materials that are freely available to the student online. No student is required to pay to access or print any part of the materials. Each individual student can choose whether to print the materials or read them online.  
.....Yes, This class qualifies for the logo because there is zero cost to students!

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