

Sauk Valley Community College
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Action Item 4.13

Topic: *Sauk Ready Textbook Program Rate*

College Health Metric: **Student Services – The College provides quality and supportive services to students.**

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Presentation:

The *Sauk Ready* Textbook Program is a textbook affordability initiative designed to provide all participating students with access to required course materials at a predictable, flat per-credit-hour rate. This program ensures that students have all necessary learning resources on or before the first day of class, improving academic preparedness and overall student success. Participation in the program is optional, and students retain the ability to opt out and purchase materials individually if they choose.

The proposed pricing for students electing to participate in the *Sauk Ready* Textbook Program is \$27.50 per credit hour, effective for terms beginning after July 1, 2025. While this rate provides a structured and cost-effective approach to course material acquisition, it does not constitute a universal tuition and fee adjustment. The program is designed to enhance affordability and accessibility while maintaining student choice.

Students enrolled through Whiteside Area Career Center (WACC) and High School Teacher Rate Dual Credit programs will be excluded from participation in this program.

Additionally, the College is working through terms for a contract extension with Follett related to the administration of the *Sauk Ready* Textbook Program and the operation of the campus bookstore. This contract extension will be presented at a future Board meeting for approval.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the implementation of the *Sauk Ready* Textbook Program with a per-credit-hour rate of \$27.50 per credit hour for participating students, effective for terms beginning after July 1, 2025.