



OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Discover How This Growing Trend Is Changing Education

40

SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE MADE THE TRANSITION TO OER

35+

STATES THAT HAVE GRANTS OR POLICIES TO SUPPORT OER ADOPTION

300

UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE OFFER MATERIALS FROM

3,000+
OER COURSES

4X

EXPONENTIAL GROWTH IN THE OER MARKET

BY 2021

73%

TEACHERS NOW USE OER MORE OFTEN THAN TEXTBOOKS



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WHAT IS IT?

Openly-licensed materials available for **LITTLE TO NO COST** that can be useful for teaching, learning, and research.



Textbooks



Supplemental materials



Syllabi



Tests and quizzes



Video and audio



Full courses and modules

WHY OER?



OER are more likely to be up to date, while it takes years for print textbooks.



OER greatly increases access to learning for a diversity of students.



K-12 schools spend **\$8 BILLION** per year on textbooks. OER helps many districts cut costs.



In 2014, the Columbus Municipal School District saved \$900,000 by switching to OER.

Read their case study and explore other valuable resources at fishtree.com.

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