

DMS Textbooks/iPads

Textbooks are available in an online version for all Downing courses. The access codes for these online books are provided by teachers. Parents and students are offered an option to use the online textbooks and or to request hard copies of textbooks for Social Studies, Spanish and ELAR. During the first week of each school year, parents and students can complete a Textbook Request Form in the front office. The assistant principal will issue students hard copies of any requested textbooks. If the online textbook option is initially chosen, students and parents may request books at any time during the school year by completing a Textbook Request Form at our front office.

State-approved textbooks are provided free of charge for each subject or class. Textbooks/ipad's must be treated with care. A student who is issued a damaged textbook should report that fact on the "textbook damage form" at the beginning of the year when issued specific textbook. Texas Education Code 31.104(d) specifies, "Each student's parent or guardian is responsible for each textbook not returned by the student. A student who fails to return all textbooks forfeits the right to free textbooks until each textbook previously issued but not returned is paid for by the student, parent, or guardian."

- (1) Textbooks/ipad's, instructional materials, and equipment must be maintained in the same condition as issued.
- (2) Replacement cost is charged for lost or defaced textbooks/ipad's, defacing or removing the tracking number or barcode, lost or damaged materials, and lost or damaged equipment issued to the student.
- (3) Fines are assessed for damage to textbooks/ipad's, instructional materials, and equipment.
- (4) Textbooks/ipad's, instructional materials, and equipment issued to students must be made available for classroom checks. If these items are not available, they will be treated as lost.
- (5) Replacement textbooks/ipad's, materials, or equipment will not be issued until charges are cleared.

**** More specific information regarding ipad's can be found in the Parent/Student Handbook under the 1:X section. Such as rules, expectations and responsibilities for all parties.