

OER Explained

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board defines open educational resources (OER) as "a teaching, learning, or research resource that is in the public domain or has been released under an intellectual property license that permits the free use, adaptation, and redistribution of the resource by any person".

Principles of OER

OERs give faculty the academic freedom to change, adapt, or combine resources to create their ideal materials. Open resources follow these 5 principles

- Retain access
- Revise materials
- Remix different sources
- Reuse other materials
- Redistribute your new resource to others



[tarleton.edu/library/
services/oer.html](http://tarleton.edu/library/services/oer.html)

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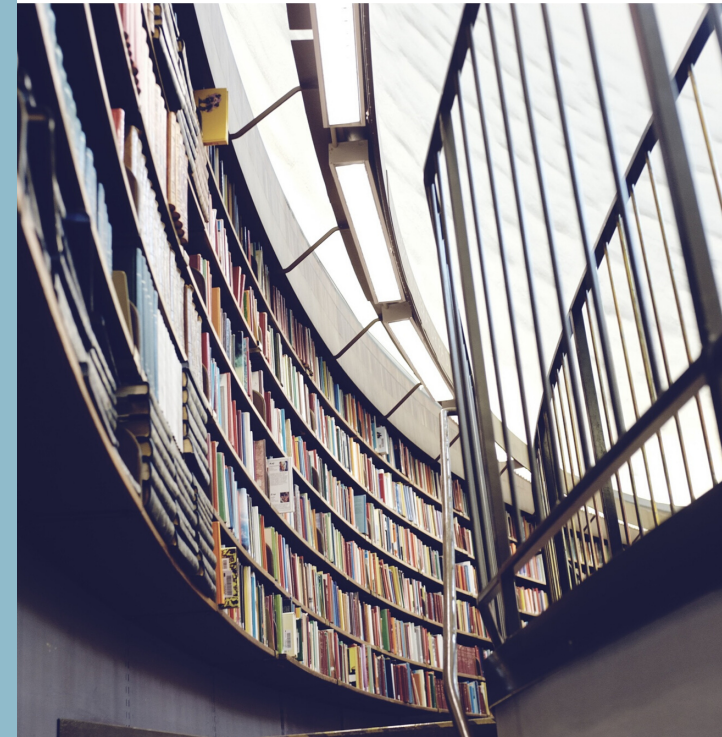


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Adopting and Creating Open Educational Resources

Find OER

OERs are available in a wide variety of subjects. OERs can include textbooks, test banks, presentations, lecture notes, or other learning materials.

Tarleton OER Guide

- A course specific guide intended to help faculty begin their search
- bit.ly/OERGUIDE

OpenStax

- Peer reviewed textbooks and ancillary materials
- [Openstax.org](https://openstax.org)

Open Textbook Library

- Curated list of open textbooks on a wide variety of subjects
- bit.ly/OTNlibrary



Create OER

You can also create your own open resource to share with the world

Pressbooks.com

- [Create interactive web books and PDFs](#)

OERCommons.org

- [Build and share course modules](#)

Rebus.Community

- [Give & receive OER project feedback](#)

Evaluate OER

Use these tools to evaluate the accessibility, coverage, and quality of a potential resource

Austin Community College Checklist

- bit.ly/OERchecklist

Achieve OER Rubric

- bit.ly/AchieveOER

"It really helps us lower income students afford to further our education"

"I liked the accessibility of a free textbook!"

"I really do appreciate that Tarleton has begun using OER's"

Tarleton SGA passed a resolution recommending the use of OER

OER & Students

OERs save students money. With OER, students get access to materials from day one and retain access even after finishing the course. Studies have shown that students do as well or better in courses with OER.*

*Fischer, L., Hilton, J., Robinson, T., & Wiley, D. (2015). A multi-institutional study of the impact of open textbook adoption on the learning outcomes of post-secondary students. *Journal of Computing in Higher Education*, 27(3), 159-172. doi:10.1007/s12528-015-9101-x

