At Ferris State University, 161 students taught by five instructors in four programs were asked what they thought about using open educational resources in their classes.

- **69%** say they spend $50-$200 on a single textbook.
- **30%** decided not to buy the textbook for a class.
- **52%** would like more classes that use OER.
- **60%** rated the quality of the OER used in class as excellent.

**Students say…..**

- I refused to buy a textbook for my science course, and I highly regret it.
- I make sure to purchase each textbook [but] sometimes I have to get a cheaper/worse copy to afford it.
- I don’t have the funds to pay for a book I will only use a few times.
- I just can’t afford them.

In my other classes, the price was too high for me to afford and it is affecting my education.

**WHERE DO STUDENTS GET THEIR TEXTBOOKS?**

- **Purchased/Bookstore**: 80 of 161 people (50%)
- **Purchased/Online**: 82 (51%)
- **Rented**: 26 (16%)
- **Borrowed from a friend**: 25 (16%)
- **Went without**: 37 (23%)
- **Shared with someone**: 26 (16%)
- **Borrowed from library**: 12 (7%)
- **Illegally downloaded**: 7 (4%)