Where the New Textbook Dollar Goes*...



Textbook Wholesale Cost

Publisher's paper, printing, editorial, general and administrative costs; marketing costs and publisher's income.
Also includes author income.



Freight Expense

The cost of getting books from the publisher's warehouse or bindery to the college store.

College Store Personnel

Store employee salaries and benefits to handle ordering, receiving, pricing, shelving, cashiers, customer service, refund desk, and sending extra textbooks back to the publisher.

10.7¢

College Store Income

*Note: The amount of federal, state and/or local tax, and therefore the amount and use of any after-tax profit, is determined by the store's ownership, and usually depends on whether the college store is owned by an institution of higher education, a contract management company, a cooperative, a foundation, or by private individuals.

3.7¢
Pre-Tax*

College Store Operations

Insurance, utilities, building and equipment rent and maintenance, accounting and data processing charges and other overhead paid by college stores.

7.2¢

*College store numbers are averages and reflect the most current data gathered by the National Association of College Stores.



