

MIDWEST OER SUMMIT – JANUARY 2024

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OVERVIEW

The ND State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) and North Dakota University System (NDUS) institutions prioritize the importance of OER textbooks for students. Below are some of the ongoing efforts:

- ✓ Collaborate with the ND Student Association to promote the adoption of OER textbooks for students within NDUS institutions.
- ✓ Provide easy access to students when searching for courses using OER textbooks.
- ✓ Maximize the strengths of the unified system in supporting low cost/no cost textbooks.
- ✓ Development of a system-wide new alternative math pathway (Mathematics in Society) utilizing OER resources.



RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ In 2023, NDUS disbursed \$96,500 to support faculty to integrate, edit, and develop OER textbooks for students.
- ✓ NDUS modified the student information system class search to display courses using OER textbooks.
- ✓ The SBHE developed a dashboard to monitor the adoption of low cost/no cost textbooks.

NEXT BIG THINGS

- ✓ Continue to increase the amount of OER courses identified in the student information system.
- ✓ Collaborate with bookstore and library staff and faculty to identify OER textbooks and promote the benefits of OERs for students.
- ✓ ND OER Summit

WAYS MHEC CAN HELP

- ✓ Advanced resources and webinars for faculty who integrate, edit, and develop OER textbooks for students.
- ✓ Funding to support faculty and promote OER's to students.
- ✓ Standardization and centralization of cost savings calculations for NDUS other states and systems.