

Textbooks Costs Update 6-11-2009

According to official estimates, **California** spent **(419)** Million Dollars for books and other printed materials in **2007**. This expense was reduced to **(350)** Million for **2008**.

NOTE: Assuming and extrapolation average for all **50** States, at **200** Million per year, yields a reduction total of **(9** Billion Dollars [**10** Billion less **(1)** Billion] in costs.

Today, **(2009)**, modern technology, relative to high-speed printing (in color), coupled with the students themselves, doing the printing and collating, would be another important example of **“hands-on”** teaching, as **TTEC** has **taught/advocated**, many times! With the students doing the work, presents the added advantage of cutting down on printing expenses, (perhaps to **10%** of the aforementioned printing costs).

In the past, it is well-known, that many times, the books contain outdated information, because of the time necessary to be spent, **(2)** or **(3)** years), in editing, printing, assembly, and shipping.

Therefore a further benefit, would be that information contained in the books, may itself be updated , as modern technological advances in information/printing reveal/dictate.

Updating the information should be done, by several learned/approved people, in a full-time operation/mode., (perhaps a dedicated team of **(2)** or **(3)** people, for each major subject), ie. **Math**, **Science**, **Chemistry**, etc., and /or those deemed important by the requisite educational authorities.