

The Textbook Report of Inventory, Lost and Damaged Books is provided as a point of reference as the School District of Clay County moves toward better accountability for textbook resources. From state legislated categorical funding, the District spends about 3 million dollars yearly to provide core materials for every student as required by state statute.

In 2008-2009, the District began implementing Destiny Textbook Manager. The implementation has been phased in so most schools have to use both Destiny Textbook Manager and TERMS Textbook inventories. Destiny Textbook Manager is an exact inventory; TERMS Textbook inventory is non-exact relying on less than accurate counts of textbooks.

Currently all new schools beginning with Coppergate Elementary and a few schools that have taken the initiative have all books barcoded and entered into Destiny Textbook Manager. However, most secondary schools have Career and Technical Education, Literature, Intensive Reading, and Math textbooks barcoded and entered into Destiny Textbook Manager; most elementary schools have Reading, Music, and Math materials barcoded and entered into Destiny Textbook Manager.

In reviewing the overall report, it is evident that elementary schools are doing an outstanding job accounting for textbooks while secondary, especially high schools, are not holding students and teachers accountable. While it appears that one high school had a higher amount in the Unaccounted for column, it was evident when transferring textbooks to Oakleaf High School that this high school has been more accountable and accurate in the textbook inventory report while others have inaccurate TERMS textbook inventories. Once all schools have all materials barcoded and entered into Destiny Textbook Manager, all textbook inventories will be accurate.

State statute was changed in 2009 to allow schools to collect 100% replacement cost for lost textbooks. Statute also states that "The failure to collect such sum upon reasonable effort by the school principal may result in the suspension of the student from participation in extracurricular activities or satisfaction of the debt by the student through community service activities at the school site as determined by the school principal, pursuant to policies adopted by district school board rule." Debts satisfied through community service and debts coinciding with School Board Policy are listed as Amount Waived.