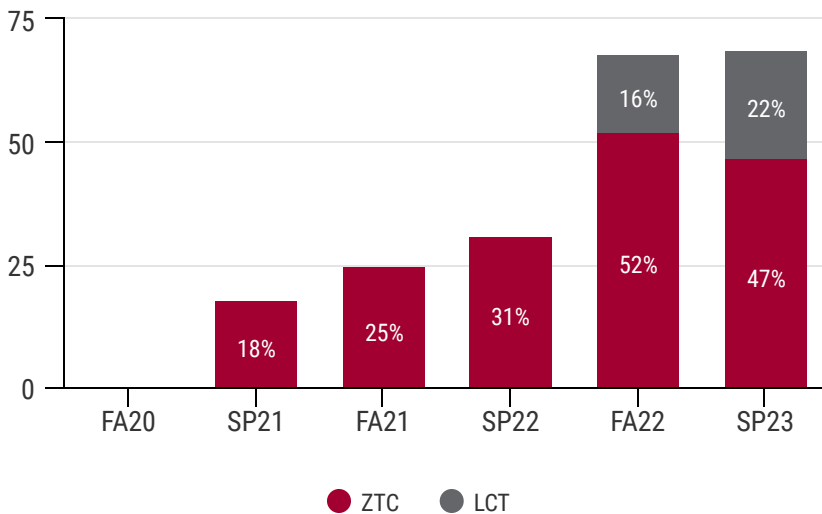




Textbook Transformation Project: Zero-Cost Textbook Initiative

Overview: Chaffey College's [Textbook Transformation Project \(TTP\)](#) is a faculty-led institutional commitment to expand Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) options to improve student success and retention. To assess progress towards this goal, the Office of Institutional Research (OIR) tracked ZTC and Low-Cost Textbook (LCT) implementation within TTP Cohort 1 course sections (ENGL-1A, COMSTD-2, MATH-25, PSYCH-1, SOC-10, SPAN-1, BIOL-20) from Fall 2020 through Spring 2023. TTP Cohort 1 ZTC/LCT implementation went from 0% in Fall 2020 to 69% in Spring 2023. The OIR also surveyed students and faculty about their experiences with ZTC/LCT course materials.

% of ZTC/LCT Sections among TTP Cohort 1, by term



Student Feedback about ZTC/LCT Courses

"The free textbook allowed me to focus on learning, without stressing about having to buy another book."

"I don't have to spend the little money I have on a textbook."

"The textbook free course made it easy for me to pick up on wherever reading lecture I left off on by just going on my computer or smartphone and opening Canvas."

"It made everything easier for me."

Faculty Feedback about ZTC/LCT Courses

"When everything is contained in the same space, and students don't have to go outside of that space to gain access to materials, they tend to stay engaged and focused on the assigned tasks at hand, and it seems less "optional," inconvenient, and/or financially burdening. The financial burden is important to recognize, but so is the time burden of having to look for, purchase, and keep track of "outside" resources."

"The best aspect is that students can begin learning right away. There is no delay or stress for students to buy materials."

ZTC/LCT Campus-Wide

43%

of all faculty taught at least one ZTC course in Spring 2023

54%

of all course sections were either ZTC/LCT in Spring 2023