

Coming Back Together

Educational Resources in U.S. K-12

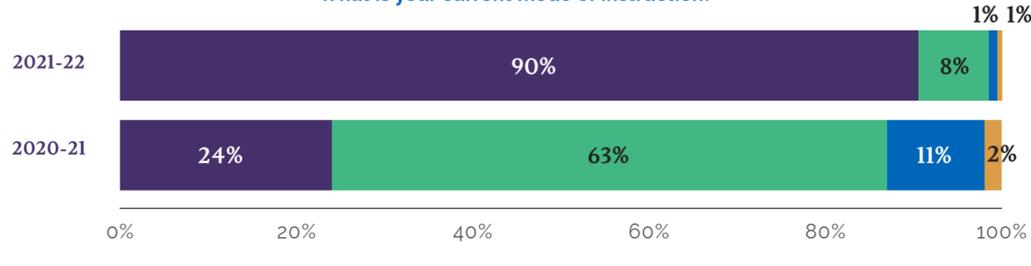
The 2022 annual survey of K-12 teachers and administrators finds classrooms in flux as they adjust to the start of post-pandemic instruction.

Pandemic Impact is Changing

A Return to Normal?

By Spring 2022, almost all teachers report that they've returned to in-person instruction; a year ago, the majority of teachers were fully remote, or teaching a combination of remote and in-person.

What is your current mode of instruction?



The Rise of Digital Formats

The majority of required or primary textbooks are available as both digital and physical formats. Teachers report that students generally have access to textbooks for free, returning them at the end of the year or course, though it varies between digital and physical formats.

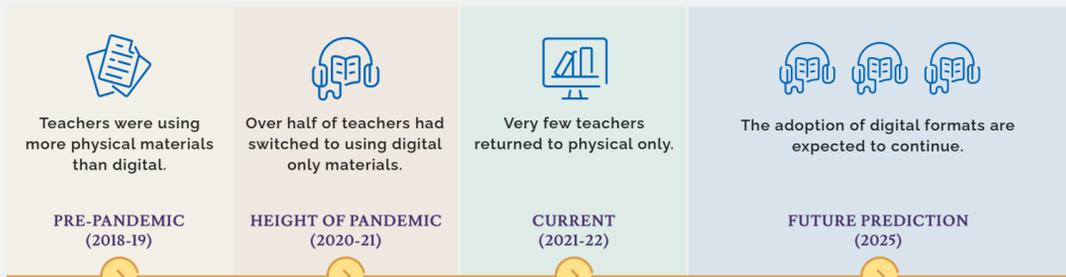
68% OF TEACHERS PROVIDE A DIGITAL FORMAT FOR THEIR PRIMARY OR REQUIRED TEXTS



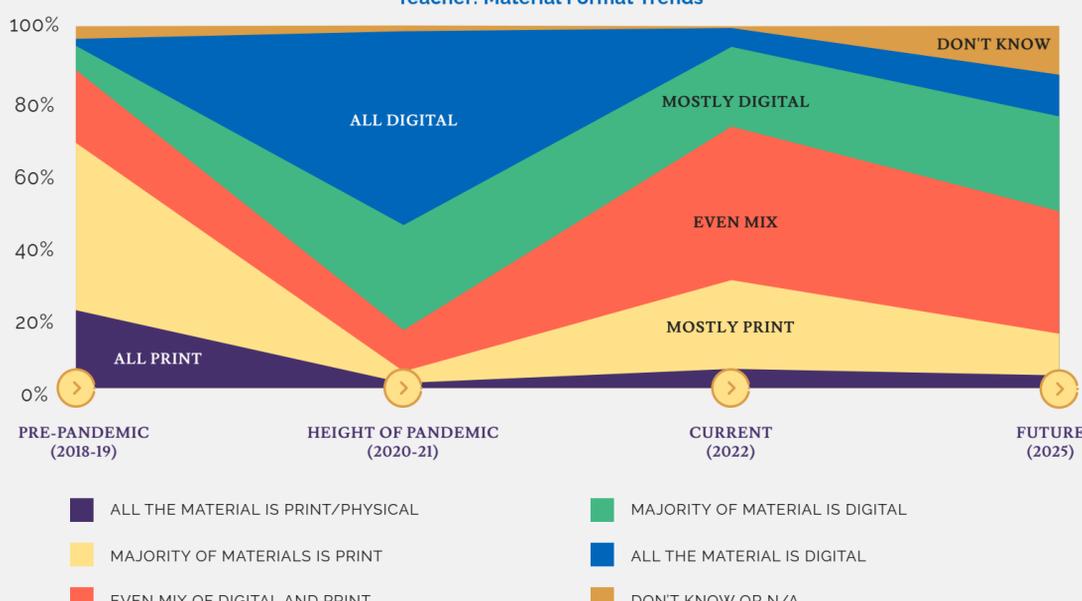
“We are no longer adopting textbooks only as our sole curriculum. We are looking at comprehensive online programs with supplements to create our own curriculum from.”

– K-12 Administrator

TEACHERS EXPECT TO INCREASE THEIR USE OF DIGITAL FORMATS OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS TO 2025



Teacher: Material Format Trends



“As a result of the need for digital resources during the pandemic, school districts had to step up and finally fund digital technology for all students AND teachers. This has been a gamechanger and is why I still use digital resources today.”

– K-12 Teacher

Tracking OER Awareness

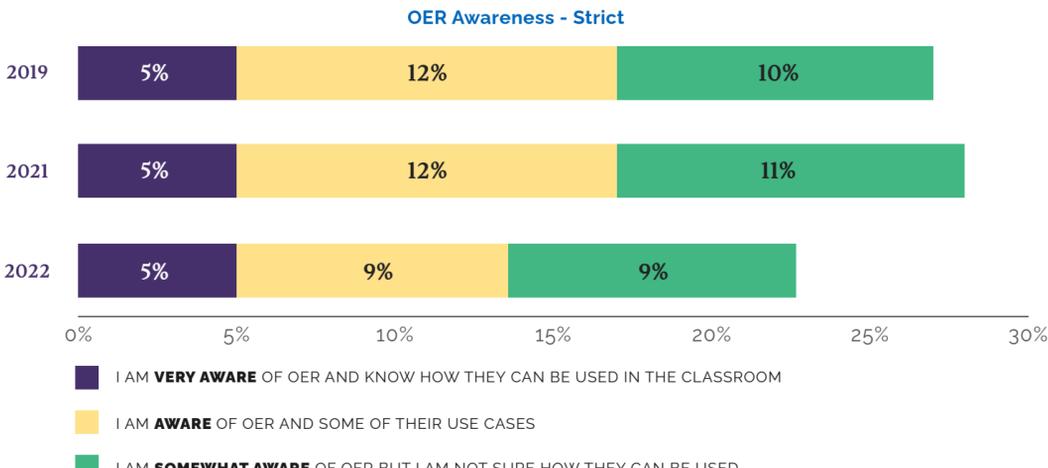
Awareness of Open licensing and Open Educational Resources (OER) declined from 2020-21 school year. This decline comes in spite of a small increase last year and the widespread introduction of digital materials from remote teaching during the pandemic. However, it is likely that many teachers are familiar with OER materials without knowing they are “OER.” In fact, 61% of OER users are unaware of OER.

HALF OF ALL TEACHERS ARE UNAWARE OF OER

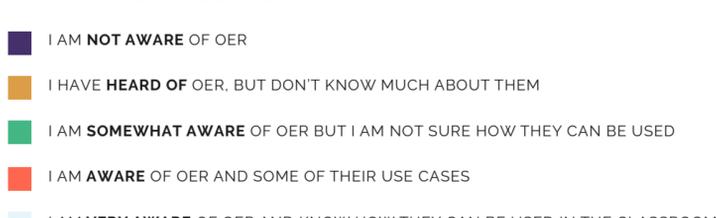


OER AWARENESS HAS DECLINED TO JUST 22% AWARE AT ANY LEVEL

OER Awareness - Strict



ONLY 22% OF ACTIVE OER USERS ARE AWARE OF OER, INDICATING MANY OER USERS ARE NOT AWARE THAT THEY USE OER.



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