# High Textbook Costs: Key Findings and Actions

*Source: 2022 Student Textbook and Instructional Materials Survey (Florida Virtual Campus).* Survey included approximately 13,000 university students.

## Impact on Students

* 32% of students reported earning a poor grade.
* 24% of students reported dropping out of a course.

These outcomes were attributed to high textbook costs.

## What You Can Do

### Use and Share Affordable Materials

* Learn what you can legally distribute in class for free (copyrighted, Creative Commons–licensed, and library-licensed materials).
* Make personal and library materials available with course reserves.

### Adopt Open Educational Resources (OER)

Help your students learn with affordable textbooks by adopting or adapting OER aligned to your course objectives.

### Talk to a Librarian

Contact a Gleeson librarian to explore OER options, course reserves, and licensing questions. (Add your preferred contact or link here.)

## Long Description of Original Infographic

The infographic shows a large book spine with the chalk-like text “2 + 2 = 16?” at the top. A note reads: “\*2022 Student Textbook and Instructional Materials survey, Florida Virtual Campus.” Below, it states: “Of 13,000 surveyed university students\*:” followed by two bold statistics: “32% of students reported earning a poor grade.” and “24% of students reported dropping out of a course.” A large heading says: “Due to high textbook costs,” next to a circled “F” resembling a failing grade. At left, a sign reads: “Help your students learn with affordable textbooks.” A footer box says: “Could free Open Education Resources help teach your curriculum? Talk to a Gleeson librarian today.” At right, a heading reads: “Learn what you can distribute in class for free,” above three icons (copyright symbol, Creative Commons “CC,” and an “e” symbol), with the text: “Make personal and library materials available with course reserves.” A QR code appears at the lower right with arrows pointing toward it.