

Mount Michael Benedictine School

Book List Sources and Explanation 2021-2022 School Year

Dear Parents and Students,

Mount Michael textbooks and classroom materials are sourced in several different ways. Below you will find an explanation of each method to help clarify the sources of our books and which ones you will need to purchase.

Elkhorn Textbook Loan (TBL): Many of our textbooks for core classes are on loan from the Elkhorn Public Schools. These textbooks are noted in **blue** on the Book List and will be distributed in the classroom. Every year in January, parents are asked to sign paperwork for our agreement with EPS so that your son can participate in this program at no cost to you. You should have filled this out in January 2021 for our upcoming 2021-22 school year. Part of this agreement is that students take care of the books on loan and return them in good condition at year end.

Classroom Book Sets: Some teachers choose to provide one classroom set of books for students to use in class. These may be loaned out or made available in the classroom to use and should be returned to the teacher.

Novels: The curriculum for all English classes include several novels which are purchased by the Mount Michael Bookstore and then distributed in class. The cost to purchase these novels is now included as part of tuition.

Workbooks: For World Languages, most classes utilize a workbook or two to supplement the textbook. The Bookstore purchases the workbooks, and they are distributed in class at the start of the year. The cost to purchase these workbooks is now included in the tuition, and students are required to turn in the workbook(s) at year end.

Student Purchase Textbooks: Several textbooks are labeled in **green** as "Student Purchase" on the Book List, which means students must purchase these required books at their expense as it is not available through the Textbook Loan program. All Theology classes, World Language classes, and several other classes are included in this category. There is a separate version of the Book List is a pared down list containing only the Student Purchase books. All textbooks have a unique ISBN (International Standard Book Number), which is used to identify the version and publication date of the book. To help you purchase new or used versions of these required textbooks, the ISBN number is listed and is a clickable link that will take you to new and used prices for that book. You should purchase all required Student Purchase books *prior to the start of the school year*. Before you purchase them on your own, please contact the Bookstore to see if you can reserve one of our used or new copies. Every year in May, the Bookstore buys back used copies from current students, and makes them available for sale to interested students in the fall.

Other Supplies: Before school starts, it would be helpful if you could purchase the school supplies noted on the Book List document (mainly calculators as specified by the Math and Science classes). Any other required items will be explained by the teachers during the first week as part of the class syllabus. Those typically include things like folders, pens, notebooks, etc. Incoming Freshmen and boarders will have a separate supply list sent out by the Deans.

MM Student Tie: The only other required purchase as a Freshman or incoming transfer student is the Student Tie for \$25. You can pay this in the Bookstore during the first week of school and pick up your tie at that time.

The Book List document will be posted on the Mount Michael website for your convenience. If you have questions regarding books or any other items, please feel free to contact me.

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