

In recent years, Albuquerque Academy has not had access to state textbooks as we had in the past. To address this situation, we implemented a new textbook policy in the World Languages Department in 2016, which was very helpful to most of our students and their families. Instead of purchasing your children's language books at a cost ranging from \$100 to \$150 per textbook, Albuquerque Academy has purchased the books directly from Vista Higher Learning (VHL), the publishing company, and we will be renting them to your children on a yearly basis at a cost of \$45. This fee will include the use of the paper textbook in all language classrooms, an electronic version of the textbook (v text), as well as a supersite for practice, which the students will be able to access from any computer on or off campus. Not included, but also not used by all language teachers, is a printed copy of the workbook which generally costs around \$40. The billing will remain the same. Charges will be posted to the accounts at the end of September with a due date of the last Friday in October.

This policy only applies to students taking **French, German, and Spanish** (with the exception of Spanish V AP Literature and those enrolled in our Spanish Heritage classes). VHL does not publish the textbooks used in the other languages we offer.

We are all sensitive to the rising cost of an independent school education and are aware of the sacrifices that you make to send your children to Albuquerque Academy. We want to make sure that your children continue to have access to the best materials available, and we hope that our textbook program will make their experience here a bit more affordable.

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