

# Digital Book Access Models in Sora

The most cost-effective way to provide each student *what* they need, *when* they need it

As a leader in supplying ebooks and digital audiobooks to schools and public libraries for more than a decade, OverDrive and the Sora student reading app team offer the insight to help you maximize the value of your digital book investments. Below is a summary of the options available to make the cost-effective choice, by title or by student.

Access Models in Sora	Decision factors				
	Common Use Case	HOW MANY: Students	HOW LONG: Time needed	WHAT TITLES: # titles available	Cost
<b>One Copy/ One User</b> ...includes Ongoing Access & Metered Access	School library, general circulation	One student at a time can access each copy in your inventory (may be assigned to set # of students)	Ongoing Access never expires Metered Access titles expire after set period (e.g., months or reads)	Millions of titles are available in these 2 models	Digital cover price set by the publisher
<b>Class Set Rentals</b> ...issued to a class roster or delivered on-demand	Classroom	Multiple students at same time (titles can be rented for one to thousands)	Expires after all units are allocated and lending period (e.g., days) lapses	Thousands of titles	Fraction of digital cover price (as low as \$1 per student)
<b>Pay Per Read</b> (a.k.a. Cost-per-circulation or CPC in OverDrive Marketplace)	Classroom, Book/Reading Club	Multiple students at same time (one to thousands)	Up to 28 days based on budget	Thousands of titles	Set a monthly budget (usage cannot exceed budget – as low as \$1 per read)
<b>Simultaneous Access</b>	Classroom	Unlimited # of students at same time (may be assigned to set # of students)	Expires after 1, 6 or 12 months depending on publisher terms	Thousands of titles	One price per student population for unlimited # of reads
<b>Limited Concurrent Use</b> (a.k.a. Metered Access Concurrent Use or MACU in OverDrive Marketplace)	Classroom	Set # (usually 100) of students concurrently	Expires after set # (usually 100) of uses (can purchase multiple copies)	Thousands of titles	Varies by title (Typically less than \$1 per use)

This table represents the most prevalent pricing models on March 16, 2021

Please note:

- All prices and sales terms are set by the publisher.
- The Sora team constantly advocates with publishers for the most flexible and affordable options.
- New titles are added frequently and pricing models change often, so please check OverDrive Marketplace or contact your Sora Account Manager.
- Most schools and districts will select a mix of pricing models, depending on several factors:
  1. COMMON USE CASE: Are you building a lending library or are you supporting your curriculum, or both?
    - a. If curriculum, are you using a specific curriculum product or plan?
    - b. Do you have a list of required & recommended titles by grade or by unit?
  2. HOW MANY students are being served?
    - a. Do all students need access at the same time?
  3. HOW LONG do students need access to the titles?



Contact your Sora Account Manager or [schools@overdrive.com](mailto:schools@overdrive.com) to explore which models will best support your district's unique reading and learning needs.