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

As a leader in supplying digital books to schools and public libraries for over a decade, OverDrive and the Sora team are here to help you maximize the value of your digital book investments. Below is a summary of the access model options available to make costeffective choices, by title or by student.

Access Model	Decision Factors				
	Common Use Case	HOW MANY: Students	HOW LONG: Time needed	WHAT TITLES: # titles available	Cost
One Copy/ One User (includes Ongoing Access & Metered Access)	School library, general circulation	One student at a time per copy (may be assigned to set # of students)	Ongoing Access never expires; Metered Access titles expire after set period (e.g., months or uses)	Millions of titles are available in these 2 models	Digital cover price
Class Set Rentals (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 rental period	Thousands of titles	Fraction of digital cover price (as low as $1 per student)
Cost Per Circ (pay per use)	Classroom, book/reading club	Multiple students at same time (as many as budget allows)	Titles are available in your collection until you remove them	Thousands of titles	Set a monthly budget (usage cannot exceed budget – as low as $1 per use)
Subscriptions	Classroom	Unlimited students at same time (may be assigned to set # of students)	Expires after set period (often 12 months)	Thousands of titles	One price per student population for unlimited usage
Metered Access Concurrent Use (also known as OverDrive Max)	Classroom	Set # (usually 100) of students at same time (may be assigned to set # of students)	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 standard pricing models on April 7, 2025

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 available for each title 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 to explore which models will best support your district's unique reading and learning needs.

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