

[The New York State Textbook Law \(NYSTL\)](#) provides funds for textbooks, library books, and software to help improve technology and instructional aids at schools. NYSTL funds are allocated to charter schools to support the purchase of Computer Software, Textbooks, and Library Books. **Orders are restricted to NYSTL-approved items within each category, NOT supplies, equipment, furniture, or other items. NYSTL funds are for instructional purposes only.** NYSTL funding is a non-cash allocation that must be spent via the FAMIS portal.

**Remember to certify NYSTL purchase orders in FAMIS within 7 days of receiving your order. Check your DOE email for communications about NYSTL orders.**

See the updated [NYSTL User Guide](#) for full instructions on how to make purchases, transfer funds, and reset passwords. Remember, in order to purchase through FAMIS, each DBN is required to have an *Initiator* and an *Approver*. Note that schools are able to transfer balances from two of the three categories. Specifically, Textbook and Software funds may be transferred to any of the other three NYSTL categories. However, Library Book funds may not be used to purchase Textbooks or Software.

[This spreadsheet](#) reflects NYSTL Allocations by DBN, along with **FAMIS activity codes** specific to each school and spending category. **Charter schools may not transfer from or encumber any FAMIS funds outside of the object codes and quick codes in this allocation spreadsheet.**

The deadline to use NYSTL funds is generally in **late March**. We send reminders when the deadline is published; however, schools are encouraged to use these funds as early as possible. In addition, note that all purchases have to be received and certified as you receive them, and no later than June 30, 2021. NYSTL funding does not roll over from year to year—if you do not use your funds, you cannot recoup any unspent portion.

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