

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**INVENTORY PROCEDURES FOR THE NEW YORK STATE**  
**LOAN PROGRAMS**

Schools participating in the New York State Loan Programs: **NYSTL** (New York State Textbook Law), **NYSSL** (New York State Software Law), **NYSLIB** (New York State Library Law) and the new **Instructional Computer Hardware and Technology Equipment Aid** are responsible for an inventory count in accordance with the procedures outlined herein, in order to reconcile textbooks, computer software, library materials, and Instructional Computer Hardware and eligible equipment on hand with the inventory records on file.

While the preliminary for maintaining inventory rests with an authorized official of the non-public school (principal/director), he or she may certainly designate appropriate staff to implement and maintain these records throughout the year. However, the principal/administrator has a responsibility to see that the records of inventory are maintained and updated as required.

Copies of records related to inventory must be readily accessible for inspection and audit by the New York City Department of Education (DOE), City Comptroller, and/or Federal, State and local officials as may be requested.

**INVENTORY OF NYSTL- Textbooks and Other Copyrighted Educational Materials**

- It is mandated that NYSTL identification be affixed to all books purchased with these funds. A rubber stamp or printed sticker, which can be obtained from an office supplier or stationery store, may be used for this purpose.
- All books and materials requisitioned for loan through the NYSTL funding are the property of the New York City Department of Education. Therefore, schools must take measures to secure such loaned books and materials to prevent loss through theft.
- Inventory records for the NYSTL loan materials must be designated as such and kept separate from other school, tax levy and reimbursable program inventory records such as City loan materials and Title V.
- Annual inventory of NYSTL loan materials must be taken and inventory records updated during the year as necessary (to note disposition or change in condition). In addition, distribution records should be updated when books are removed from the storeroom for distribution to classrooms and upon their return.

## **INVENTORY OF NYSTL (CONT'D)**

- It is recommended that a thorough inventory of a school's textbooks and other copyrighted educational materials should be completed in March of each year. This would enable the school's textbook coordinator to prepare next year's textbook purchase orders for late spring/early summer ordering.
- The law authorizes the establishment of reasonable rules and regulations governing the loan of books which allow schools to ask students for reimbursement when materials are damaged, lost or destroyed. If their NYSTL books become damaged, lost or destroyed during the school year, schools must issue a check to the DOE before the end of the fiscal year (June 30) or prior to closing for the summer. All checks must be made payable to "The NYC Department of Education" in the amount to cover full reimbursement of said books. All checks are to be mailed to the Division of Financial Operations (DFO), Non-Public School Unit with a transmittal, acknowledging the dollar amount, quantity of books, specific title(s) and DOE item number(s). Upon receipt of said transmittal and check, a confirmation letter will be mailed to the school. We will credit your account accordingly.

## **CONFIRMATION OF TEXTBOOK MATERIALS ON LOAN**

- In compliance with the New York City Department of Education policy, the DOE is responsible for furnishing a non-public school with an inventory of the books on loan to (the school collectively on behalf of) individual students at non-public schools. Since all requests for loan of eligible instructional materials are now submitted via the DOE FAMIS Portal (a web-based purchasing application), schools now have the ability to print their own copies of all orders submitted electronically. Therefore, the school copy of said order(s) is to serve as an inventory record of the instructional materials loaned to the school and must be carefully reviewed for accuracy and maintained on file within the school for a minimum of five years or for as long as the book/education material is retained thereafter at the school.
- Retention of all school copies of purchase orders will become, over a period of time, a cumulative inventory record of all school NYSTL purchases on loan to non-public schools on behalf of eligible enrolled students whose parents have solicited the loan in accordance with the State Education Law requirements. Schools are strongly advised to compare the printed copy of their purchase orders with what was actually delivered for accuracy and uniformity.

## **TRANSFER OF NYSTL TEXTBOOKS**

- At the direction of the principal and upon appropriate notification to the Division of Financial Operations, Non-Public School Unit, textbooks no longer required, but in good condition should be transferred to the students of a school that have need for them. Appropriate notations of such transfers are made on the Textbook Inventory Card.
- Textbooks, which are determined to be in usable condition and are in excess at the particular site, should be offered to other schools participating in the NYSTL Program administered by the New York City Department of Education. If no other school within the district is interested, the textbooks should be made available to students at all other schools (public and non-public) via a letter to the DFO, Non-Public School Unit notifying us of the title(s), DOE item number(s), quantity, subject area(s) and grade level(s). The Division of Financial Operations will provide further information upon receipt.

## **DISPOSAL OF NYSTL TEXTBOOKS**

A textbook may be discarded if it is a hardcover textbook over 5 years in age or a softcover textbook of 3 years in age and is in poor condition and/or unusable condition.

Books, which meet these guidelines, may be donated, sent for recycling, disposed of through incineration, or any other practical manner as authorized by the school's principal/director. The labels and all evidence of New York City Department of Education ownership must be removed before disposition takes place. In all cases appropriate notations are made on the Textbooks Inventory Card indicating the date and method of disposition, as well as the reason for disposition.

Reminder: Textbooks purchased for loan through NYSTL are the property of the New York City Department of Education. Therefore, Non-Public Schools must abide by the rules and regulations listed herein and with all future Inventory guidelines as provided.

## **NYSSL-INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND NYSLIB-LIBRARY & AUDIO VISUAL SOFTWARE MATERIALS**

Similar guidelines to textbooks and other copyrighted educational materials for the retention and disposal of said loan materials also apply to all DOE approved computer software, library (print) materials & DOE approved audio visual software, which are published and copyrighted materials used for instructional/educational purposes.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE & TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AID**

In addition these guidelines also apply in uniformity to the new Instructional Computer Hardware Loan Program for all DOE approved computer hardware and eligible equipment. However, the Division of Financial Operations, Non Public School Unit must be notified in writing prior to the removal of any computers and/or peripherals and other eligible equipment for transfer and/or disposal.

All instructional computer software, library (print) materials requisitioned for loan through NYSSL & NYSLIB, and Instructional Computer Hardware, like NYSTL, are the property of the New York City Department of Education and must be adhered to in accordance with the procedures outlined herein.

**Schools will make every effort to comply with all applicable regulations and guidelines as outlined herein, in the New York State Loan Programs Accountability Guidelines (Attachment A) and within the Principal's Statement of Assurances.**

If you require any additional information and/or clarification regarding the retention and/or disposition of eligible textbooks and other copyrighted educational materials, instructional computer software, library & audio-visual software materials and/or computer hardware eligible equipment, please contact our office at (718) 935-3650 or via e-mail at [nps@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:nps@schools.nyc.gov) for further instructions.