

INFORMATION SHEET

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eReaders (Training Devices)

eReaders are secure digital textbooks that are accessed by inmates enrolled in college courses. The eReader initiative is designed to help inmates complete their academic milestone credits and reach their educational goals. Educational success is a key component to reducing recidivism.

The Voluntary Education Program (VEP) checks out eReaders each semester to inmates enrolled in college and other approved programs. VEP instructors download course textbooks digitally onto the eReaders for the students. This initiative not only creates academic accessibility, but cuts hard copy printing costs. Cutting these costs help lower financial barriers for students, who are responsible for their own tuition, to afford textbooks and materials.

Location(s): eReaders are available at all institutions through the VEP.

Eligibility Requirements: eReaders are available to all CDCR students enrolled in college correspondence courses through the VEP. Each student must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above to receive these training devices. Additional consideration is given to those closer to receiving their degree, nearing parole, or using financial assistance to participate in the academic programs.

CDCR's Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP) manages adult inmate and parolee rehabilitative programs. Its top priority is to provide rehabilitative programming and life skills to offenders in an effort to reduce their likelihood of reoffending after their release from prison. DRP is comprised of the Office of Offender Services (OS), the Office of Correctional Education (OCE), and the Office of Program Accountability and Support (OPAS).

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