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Code Section 12-36-2120(3) provides exemption for the sale of textbooks, books, magazines, periodicals, newspapers, and access to on-line information systems used in a course of study in primary and secondary schools and institutions of higher learning or for students' use in the school library of these schools and institutions and books, magazines, periodicals, newspapers, and access to on-line information systems sold to publicly supported state, county, or regional libraries.

The term "textbook" is construed to include only books purchased for and used in elementary schools, high schools and institutions of higher learning. Included within the definition of textbooks are school library books, encyclopedias and dictionaries. Also deemed textbooks when part of a prescribed course of study are workbooks, band and sheet music, plays, filmstrips, transparencies, motion picture films, audio tapes and records, recorded music and periodicals.

Examples of sales subject to the tax are test sheets, answer sheets, evaluation criteria, games, albums, pupil cumulative records, guide pamphlets, yearbooks, award certificates, diplomas, writing materials, art supplies, drafting supplies, easels, projectors, projector lamps and bulbs, projection screens and equipment carts or tables, magboards, flannel boards, laboratory supplies and equipment, biological supplies incidental to classroom instruction, athletic equipment, shop supplies and equipment, record players, recorders, computer instructional equipment, manipulated devices, charts, maps (including globes), map stands, raw film, blank tapes, and any and all other items of tangible personal property used in the classroom or office which do not qualify as "textbooks" as hereinabove defined.

With respect to the exemption for books sold to legally established, public supported State, County and/or Regional libraries, the term "books" is construed to include filmstrips of a type in general use by elementary schools, high schools, and institutions of higher learning. Subject to the tax when purchased by libraries are all other properties such as furniture, fixtures, typewriters, projectors, turntables, globes, stationery, index cards, files, shelving, and visual aids.

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