

# Annual School Textbook Survey

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Consumer Affairs Commission (CAC) conducted its annual school textbook survey during the period July 24-31, 2023. Data was obtained from every parish, except Hanover, where no known bookstore was identified. A sample of Fifty-eight (58) bookstores were visited, however data was obtained from 57 outlets: 20 were in the Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area (GKMR)<sup>1</sup> and 37 in Rural Towns.

A total of 175 popular textbooks was surveyed, consisting of one hundred and four (104) secondary level, fifty-nine (59) primary level and twelve (12) infant level textbooks covering nineteen (19) subject areas.

Data analysis involved the calculation of the average, maximum and minimum price for each textbook as well as availability. Point to point comparative analysis included 157 books common to the two survey periods (2022 and 2023).

### Summary of Findings:

On average, the prices of school textbooks increased by **9%** overall. The average price increase in the GKMR was 9% and 8% among rural towns. Most (62%) price increases were between 1% and 10%, followed by 17% of textbooks which increased between 11% and 20%. A small percentage (9%) of texts had price increases of over 20%, where 3 books (2%) recorded average price increases of over 50%. Average price reductions (between 1% and 10%) were observed in 8% of school textbooks, while the average price of 5 books (3%) remained relatively constant.

As it relates to availability, it was observed that Infant Level books were more readily available in July 2023 when compared to August 2022. Some bookstores, however, indicated that they would be receiving new stock soon. As such, the availability of books was expected to increase by late August or the first week in September 2023. Notwithstanding, Infant level textbooks were widely available in over **79%** of outlets surveyed. Whereas Primary level texts were readily available (in over 50% of outlets surveyed), except for Grade 6 books which were available in 46% of outlets. Literature Novels were available in 48% of outlets; however, Grades 7-9 and CSEC/CAPE books were available in 34% and 30% of outlets surveyed respectively.

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<sup>1</sup> Kingston, St. Andrew, Spanish Town and Portmore

On average, there was a 31% difference between the highest and lowest price observed for textbooks islandwide, except for literature novels, where the average was 75%. This was due to differences in the cover (hard /soft), publishers and sources. Within the GKMR and among Rural Towns however, the average difference was 12% and 28% respectively, among all textbooks, except for literature novels, where the difference between the highest and lowest price was on average 49% and 62% respectively.

More bookstores have increased the use of technology such as WhatsApp messaging. Consumers were also directed to use social media and webpages for price enquiry and order placement; with the option to either collect the books at the store or have them delivered.

Parents and guardians are therefore encouraged to use the online options available to them.

# OVERVIEW OF TEXTBOOK SURVEY

## PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMY

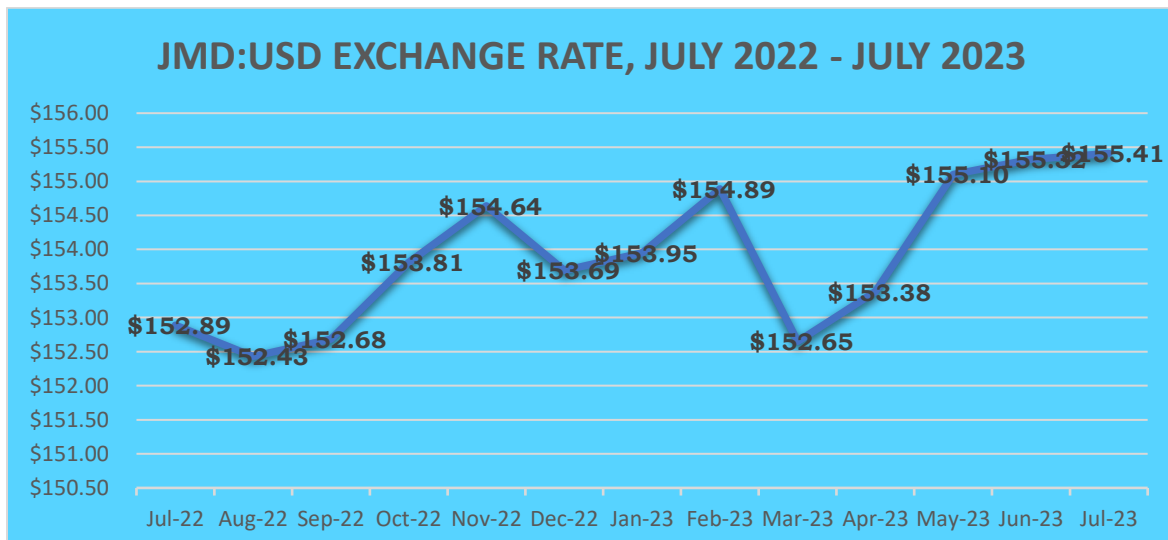
### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND INFLATION

The analysis of the Consumer Affairs Commission's (CAC's) Annual Textbook Survey must be interpreted, bearing in mind the trends in the local and global economy which impact the pricing and availability of these textbooks. Among these are the rate of inflation and the movement in the foreign exchange rate.

The latest data from the Statistical Institute of Jamaica on inflation indicate that the Point-to-Point inflation rate for the period of July 2022 - July 2023 was 6.6%<sup>2</sup>.

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

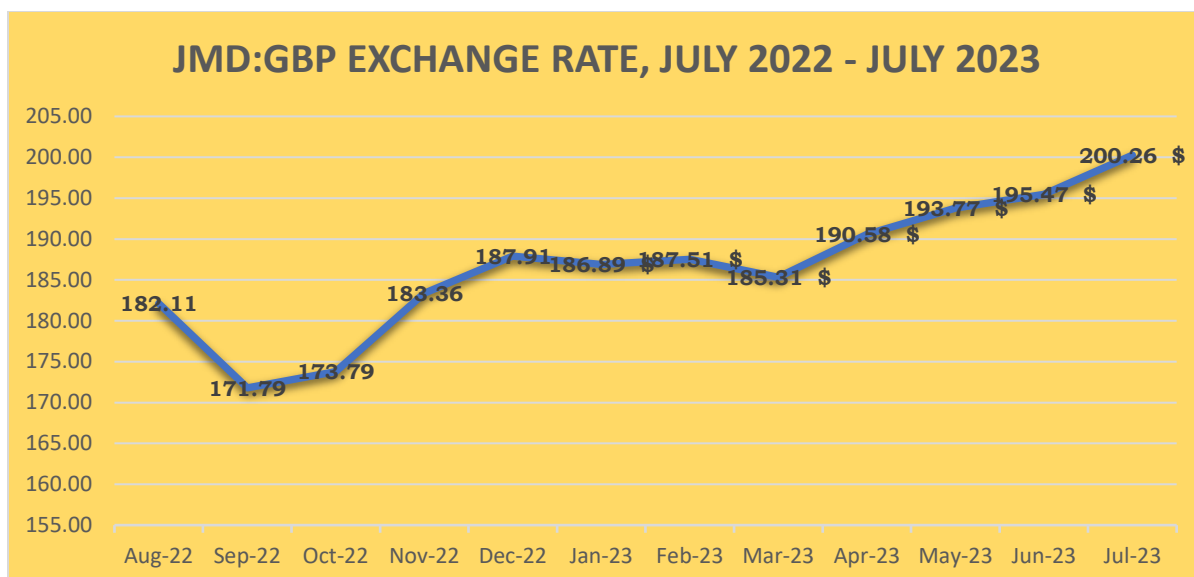
Since the last survey in August 2022, the Jamaican dollar has undergone fluctuations against its major counterparts<sup>3</sup>. It ultimately depreciated by 1.95% when compared to the US Dollar, moving from a monthly average rate of J\$152.89: US\$1.00 to J\$155.41: US\$1.00. Similarly, in comparison to the British Pound, the Jamaican Dollar depreciated in value by 9.97%, moving from a monthly average rate of J\$182.11: GBP £1.00 to J\$200.26: GBP £1.00.



**FIGURE 1. MOVEMENT OF JA\$ AGAINST US\$ BETWEEN AUGUST 2022 AND JULY 2023**

<sup>2</sup> STATIN (2023) "New release: Consumer price index July 2023" retrieved from <https://statinja.gov.jm/PressReleases.aspx>. Retrieved August 14, 2023

<sup>3</sup> BOJ (2023) "Monthly Average Exchange Rate" retrieved on August 14, 2023 from <https://boj.org.jm/market/foreign-exchange/historical-fx-rates/>



**FIGURE 2. MOVEMENT OF JA\$ AGAINST GBP BETWEEN AUGUST 2022 AND JULY 2023**

## **SURVEY: BRIEF INTRODUCTION**

The annual textbook survey was conducted by the Consumer Affairs Commission (CAC) between July 24 and 31, 2023. The survey is geared towards providing consumers with information that will assist them to cost-effectively discharge their responsibilities as parents/guardians; and presents researched evidence concerning textbooks as critical consumer items to key stakeholders.

Of the 58 known bookstores visited, price and availability data were obtained from 56<sup>4</sup> bookstores (97%) islandwide, except for Hanover where no bookstore was identified. Data was collected from 20 stores in the Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area (Kingston, St. Andrew, Portmore and Spanish Town) and 37 stores in Rural Towns in 11 parishes. A total of 175 popular textbooks were surveyed, consisting of one hundred and four (104) secondary level, fifty-nine (59) primary level and twelve (12) infant level textbooks covering nineteen (19) subject areas.

## **METHODOLOGY**

### ***Book Selection:***

In keeping with the implementation of the National Standards Curriculum (NSC), the Ministry of Education and Youth's (MoEY) policy directive stipulates that the

<sup>4</sup> The prices obtained from Economic Book Centre in Spanish Town were omitted from the analysis as most texts were used. No data was received from Urban Bookstore & Publishers.

MoEY Supplementary Education Resources List should comprise not more than twelve books for each grade level per subject.<sup>5</sup> These guidelines are intended to minimize the number of books parents need to purchase for their children. The rubric is outlined in Table 1 below:

**TABLE 1 MOEY’S SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE TYPE OF BOOKS APPROVED FOR PURCHASE BY PARENTS**

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Types of Books</b>
<b>1-3</b>	No more than five (5) supplementary titles should be selected. This should include a reader, text/workbook for Language Arts and Integrated Studies.
<b>4-6</b>	No more than six (6) supplementary titles: only workbooks for core subject areas such as Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science.
<b>7-9</b>	No more than two additional books for each subject area.
<b>10-11</b>	Schools have the autonomy to select supplementary resources based on the subject areas and the individual needs of the students

The MoEY’s guidelines further indicate that parents should expect to purchase resources termed as Additional Materials Required. These include items such as geometry set, graph books, scrapbook, technical equipment and other materials that are specific to specialized areas such as Home Economics, Visual Arts and Industrial Education; and resources such as Bible, Atlas, Dictionaries, The Students’ Companion, New Junior English Revised and Illustrated First Aid in English.

In keeping with the MoEY’s principle of school-based management, schools are required to select and submit for approval the supplementary educational resources they deemed most suitable for their students. These books are to be selected from the 2023-2024 Supplementary Educational Resources List provided by the MoEY. The school’s educational resources lists are submitted to the Evaluation & Utilization Section/Media Services Unit of the MoEY for approval. Each year, the CAC relies on this Unit to provide information on the most popular titles on the educational resources lists submitted by schools islandwide, to update its survey instrument.

During the 2023 review exercise, with the guidance of the Evaluation & Utilization /Media Services Unit of the MoEY, the CAC removed 7 textbooks and

<sup>5</sup> MoEY (2023) – Bulletin 101/2023 “REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL’S EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES LIST FOR 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR”, p1



revised eight (8) secondary and twelve (12) primary books which had new editions available. Additionally, seven (7) secondary level books and two (2) primary level titles were added due to their popularity. These changes resulted in an overall increase of 2 books (173 in 2022 to 175 in 2023) in the number of books surveyed. Once a draft survey instrument was designed, it was submitted to the MoEY's Evaluation & Utilization Section/Media Services Unit to ensure that the texts selected were in line with their guidelines. The remainder of the survey instrument was left mostly unchanged to facilitate comparative analysis.

The CAC's survey officers were provided with a list of the books along with their respective International Standard Book Number (ISBN)<sup>6</sup> and specific information to facilitate the correct identification of the book being surveyed (that is, a picture of the book, names of authors and editions). The survey officers were also provided with a list of bookstores within a particular geographical area where they would collect the price data. Data was captured and submitted using SurveytoGo, a mobile data collection application. The CAC research staff reviewed the prices and confirmed selected book prices with retailers.

### ***Bookstore Selection:***

A sample of Fifty-eight (58) bookstores or 81% of 72 known bookstores were visited: 21 were in the Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area (GKMR)<sup>7</sup> and 37 in Rural Towns islandwide. The criteria used to select the outlets was based on the likelihood of the bookstore to stock most of the popular books in the CAC's sample. Regarding the major book chains, over 50% of branches of Bryan's Bookstores Ltd, Sangster's Bookstores and Kingston Bookshop were included in the sample.

## **ANALYSIS**

Data analysis involved the calculation of the average<sup>8</sup>, maximum and minimum price for each textbook as well as availability. Availability refers to the number of stores surveyed that had the textbook in stock at the time of the survey. Thus,

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<sup>6</sup> International Standard Book Number (ISBN) is a 10 or 13-digit number identifies a specific book, an edition of a book, or a book-like product (such as an audiobook).

<sup>7</sup> Kingston, St. Andrew, Spanish Town and Portmore

<sup>8</sup> Arithmetic mean

the term 'readily available' signifies that the book was found in at least 50% of the bookstores surveyed.

For comparative analysis, 157 textbooks common to the two survey periods (2022 and 2023) were used. The analysis included common titles which had been revised as this represents one of the reasons for the changes in price and availability of textbooks at the time of the survey.

## **PUBLICATION FACTORS AND PRICE VARIATIONS**

There are several factors which could account for price dispersion among outlets. Some of these factors originate with the publisher and could include:

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| <p>a) Book Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Illustrative component (e.g., colour vs. black &amp; white)</li><li>✓ Method of binding (e.g., cased sewn vs. spiral bound)</li><li>✓ Quality of paper</li><li>✓ Type of cover (e.g., hardcover vs. paperback)</li><li>✓ Number of pages</li></ul> | <p>d) Edition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Reprint vs. new edition.</li></ul>   |
| <p>b) Print Quantity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ This determines unit production costs</li></ul>   | <p>e) Fluctuations in Exchange Rates overtime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ This may be further complicated by dollar versus sterling sources.</li></ul>   |
| <p>c) Print Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Some of the Print Centres are located in China, India and Singapore</li><li>✓ They utilize more modern technologies and tend to be more economical.</li></ul>   | <p>f) The retailer may also introduce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Variations in the cost of delivery</li><li>✓ Bulk vs. special delivery</li><li>✓ Variations in mark up</li><li>✓ Membership/ loyalty programmes.</li></ul> |

## LIMITATIONS

- Essentially, limitations in resources - money, manpower and time - meant that the number of texts to be surveyed needed to be representative yet at a manageable level. The CAC's methodology includes selecting the most popularly requested texts based on the MOEY's review of the educational resource lists submitted by the schools. Furthermore, the texts must fall within the guidelines of the MOEY. This means that certain popular additional texts may have been excluded from the sample, although they are not prohibited by the MOEY. The selection of CSEC/CAPE texts was limited, as schools do not have to submit these for review by the MOEY. With the guidance of the MOEY, the CAC carried forward most of the popular texts surveyed in previous years, with some amendments.
- Some popular titles were unavailable at the time of the survey as they were being revised, the books were out of stock or not sold by the outlet.
- Some novels were available from various publishers. In instances where multiple versions of the novel were present in the outlet, the CAC recorded the least expensive copy of the text.
- Some outlets sold used texts as well as new ones. For uniformity, only the price data of new books was reported and analysed.
- System error resulted in the omission of price information for one outlet.

# **DATA SUMMARY**

## **JULY 2023 TEXTBOOK PRICE OBSERVATIONS**

### **Availability**

The Annual School Textbook Survey was conducted at a time when most bookstores were expected to have received their new stock but would still have residual stock from previous years. The dates were selected based on the recommendation of the Book Industry Association of Jamaica (BIAJ) with whom the CAC had consulted. Observations revealed that while the availability of secondary levels books was generally low, Infant and Primary Level texts were readily available in most outlets visited, except for grade 6 primary levels books and the grades one to six Rainbow Reading Series. The CAC was advised that the Rainbow Reading Series was being revised at the time of the survey and the new editions would not be available until early August 2023.

The low availability levels of some popular titles were explained by some outlets reporting that they had not yet received their new stocks at the time of the survey.

### **Prices**

On average, there was a 31% difference between the highest and lowest price observed for textbooks islandwide, except for literature novels, where the average was 75%. This was due to differences in the cover (hard /soft), publishers and sources. Within the GKMR and among Rural Towns however, the average difference was 12% and 28% respectively, among all textbooks, except for literature novels, where the difference between the highest and lowest price was on average 49% and 62% respectively.

The major observations on textbook prices based on geographic location and grade levels are summarized below:

## **ALL ISLAND**

- **Infant School texts**

- Observed in 79% of stores surveyed;
- Average price J\$1,734.66
- Highest price observed J\$2,400.00
- Lowest price observed J\$800.00

- **Primary School texts**

**Grade 1**

- Observed in 53% of stores surveyed;
- Average price J\$1,993.37
- Highest price observed J\$3,000.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,300.00

**Grade 2**

- Observed in 56% of stores surveyed;
- Average price J\$2,118.54
- Highest price observed J\$3,000.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,075.00

**Grade 3**

- Observed in 51% of stores surveyed;
- Average price J\$2,174.66
- Highest price observed J\$3,000.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,320.00

**Grade 4**

- Observed in 52% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$2,287.88
- Highest price observed J\$3,770.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,480.00

**Grade 5**

- Observed in 57% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$2,657.60
- Highest price observed J\$4,935.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,320.00

**Grade 6**

- Observed in 46% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$2,568.60
- Highest price observed J\$4,285.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,751.00

**PEP Textbooks**

- Observed in 50% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$2,232.15
- Highest price observed J\$3,100.00
- Lowest price observed J\$900.00

**Grades 7-9 texts**

- Observed in 34% of stores
- Average cost J\$2,517.50
- Highest price observed J\$5,440.0
- Lowest price observed J\$996.00

**CSEC/CAPE texts**

- Observed in 30% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$4,050.19
- Highest price observed J\$11,795.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,250.00

**Literature Novels**

- Observed in 48% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$2,967.56
- Highest price observed J\$4,350.00
- Lowest price observed J\$955.00

## **GREATER KINGSTON METROPOLITAN REGION (GKMR)**

- **Infant School texts**

- Observed in 85% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$1,761.18
- Highest price observed J\$2,110.00
- Lowest price observed J\$990.00

- **Primary School texts**

**Grade 1**

- Observed in 70% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$2,012.56
- Highest price observed J\$3,000.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,551.00

**Grade 2**

- Observed in 70% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$2,196.52
- Highest price observed J\$2,943.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,550.00

**Grade 3**

- Observed in 66% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$2,222.43
- Highest price observed J\$2,943.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,600.00

**Grade 4**

- Observed in 69% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$2,304.69
- Highest price observed J\$3,195.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,550.00

**Grade 5**

- Observed in 72% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$2,671.93
- Highest price observed J\$3,750.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,512.00

**Grade 6**

- Observed in 61% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$2,583.14
- Highest price observed J\$3,300.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,937.00

**PEP Textbooks**

- Observed in 64% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$2,238.00
- Highest price observed J\$3,100.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,000.00

**Grades 7-9 texts**

- Observed in 54% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$2,613.21
- Highest price observed J\$5,440.00
- Lowest price observed J\$966.00

**CSEC/CAPE texts**

- Observed in 46% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$4,119.17
- Highest price observed J\$11,795.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,343.00

**Literature Novels**

- Observed in 69% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$2,976.78
- Highest price observed J\$4,150.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,101.00

**RURAL TOWNS****• Infant School texts**

- Observed in 77% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$1,716.86
- Highest price observed J\$2,400.00
- Lowest price observed J\$800.00



- **Primary School texts**

- Grade 1**

- Observed in 51% of stores surveyed;
    - Average cost J\$1,864.71
    - Highest price observed J\$2,320.00
    - Lowest price observed J\$1,300.00

- Grade 2**

- Observed in 48% of stores surveyed;
    - Average cost J\$2,064.08
    - Highest price observed J\$3,000.00
    - Lowest price observed J\$1,075.00

- Grade 3**

- Observed in 43% of stores surveyed;
    - Average cost J\$2,135.51
    - Highest price observed J\$3,000.00
    - Lowest price observed J\$1,320.00

- Grade 4**

- Observed in 44% of stores surveyed;
    - Average cost J\$2,263.75
    - Highest price observed J\$3,770.00
    - Lowest price observed J\$1,480.00

- Grade 5**

- Observed in 50% of stores surveyed;
    - Average cost J\$2,647.97
    - Highest price observed J\$4,935.00
    - Lowest price observed J\$1,320.00

- Grade 6**

- Observed in 38% of stores surveyed;
    - Average cost J\$2,547.50
    - Highest price observed J\$4,285.00
    - Lowest price observed J\$1,751.00

**PEP Textbooks**

- Observed in 42% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$2,227.83
- Highest price observed J\$3,100.00
- Lowest price observed J\$900.00

**Grades 7-9 texts**

- Observed in 25% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$2,450.59
- Highest price observed J\$5,440.00
- Lowest price observed J\$996.00

**CSEC/CAPE texts**

- Observed in 25% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$3,677.17
- Highest price observed J\$10,720.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,250.00

**Literature Novels**

- Observed in 37% of stores surveyed;
- Average cost J\$2,940.69
- Highest price observed cost J\$4,350.00
- Lowest price observed J\$955.00

**Table 2 Price Observations for 2023**

Region	Level	Average Price	Availability	Max (Highest Price Observed)		Min (Lowest Price Observed)	
		J\$	%	J\$	TEXT	J\$	TEXT
ALL ISLAND (56 outlets)	Infant	1,734.66	79%	2,400.00	<p>INFANT INTEGRATED PHONICS WORKBOOK 3 (Age 5 years) by Lunett Fearon and Maureen McLean</p> <p>INFANT INTEGRATED STUDIES WORKBOOK 3 (Age 5 years) by Maureen McLean and Lunett Fearon</p>	800.00	<p>RIGHT START INTEGRATED READER by Valrie Brown</p>
	Primary	2,297.99	52%	4,935.00	<p>NEW JUNIOR ENGLISH REVISED (New Caribbean Edition) by Haydn Richards, Pamela Mordecai and Grace Walker Gordon</p>	900.00	<p>HOW SMART ARE YOU? REASONING &amp; PROBLEM-SOLVING by B.B. Anders &amp; S.E. Bennett</p>
	Grade 7-9	2,517.50	34%	5,440.00	<p>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR JAMAICA: IDENTITY BOOK 1 (Second Edition) by Catherine House, Michael Keene, Grace Peart and Davia Bryan-Campbell.</p> <p>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR JAMAICA: WORSHIP</p>	996.00	<p>ENCORE TRICOLORE 2: NOUVELLE EDITION GRAMMAR IN ACTION by S. Honnor &amp; H. Mascie-Taylor.</p>

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		J\$	%	J\$	TEXT	J\$	TEXT
					BOOK 2 (Second Edition) by Catherine House, Michael Keene, Grace Peart and Davia Bryan-Campbell.  RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR JAMAICA: STEWARDSHIP BOOK 3 (Second Edition) by Catherine House, Michael Keene, Grace Peart and Davia Bryan-Campbell.		ENCORE TRICOLERE 3: NOUVELLE EDITION GRAMMAR IN ACTION by S. Honnor, H. Mascie-Taylor & M. Spencer.
	CSEC/CAPE	4,050.19	30%	11,795.00	SOCIOLOGY, THEMES AND PERSPECTIVES (Eighth Edition) by Michael Haralambos & Martin Holborn	1,250.00	OXFORD SCHOOL DICTIONARY (Fully Revised 2016, Pocket Size) by Oxford Dictionaries
	Literature Novels	2,967.56	48%	4,350.00	THE YOUNG WARRIORS by V.S. Reid.  GREEN DAYS BY THE RIVER by Michael Anthony.	955.00	MACBETH by William Shakespeare

Region	Level	Average Price	Availability	Max (Highest Price Observed)		Min (Lowest Price Observed)	
		J\$	%	J\$	TEXT	J\$	TEXT
GKMR (19 outlets)	Infant	1,761.18	85%	2,110.00	INFANT INTEGRATED PHONICS WORKBOOK 3 (Age 5 years) by Lunett Fearon and Maureen McLean  INFANT INTEGRATED STUDIES WORKBOOK 3 (Age 5 years) by Maureen McLean and Lunett Fearon  INFANT INTEGRATED MATHEMATICS WORKBOOK 3 (Age 5 years) by Maureen McLean and Lunett Fearon	990.00	RIGHT START LANGUAGE ARTS INTEGRATED WORKBOOK (Series B) by Valrie Brown
	Primary	2,326.89	68%	3,750.00	NEW JUNIOR ENGLISH REVISED (New Caribbean Edition) by Haydn Richards, Pamela Mordecai and Grace Walker Gordon	1,000.00	HOW SMART ARE YOU? REASONING & PROBLEM-SOLVING by B.B. Anders & S.E. Bennett

Region	Level	Average Price	Availability	Max (Highest Price Observed)		Min (Lowest Price Observed)	
		J\$	%	J\$	TEXT	J\$	TEXT
	Grade 7-9	2,613.21	54%	5,440.00	<p>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR JAMAICA: IDENTITY BOOK 1 (Second Edition) by Catherine House, Michael Keene, Grace Peart and Davia Bryan-Campbell.</p> <p>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR JAMAICA: WORSHIP BOOK 2 (Second Edition) by Catherine House, Michael Keene, Grace Peart and Davia Bryan-Campbell.</p> <p>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR JAMAICA: STEWARDSHIP BOOK 3 (Second Edition) by Catherine House, Michael Keene, Grace Peart and Davia Bryan-Campbell.</p>	996.00	<p>ENCORE TRICOLORE 2: NOUVELLE EDITION GRAMMAR IN ACTION by S. Honnor &amp; H. Mascie-Taylor.</p> <p>ENCORE TRICOLORE 3: NOUVELLE EDITION GRAMMAR IN ACTION by S. Honnor, H. Mascie-Taylor &amp; M. Spencer</p>
	CSEC/CAPE	4,119.17	46%	11,795.00	SOCIOLOGY, THEMES AND PERSPECTIVES (Eighth Edition) by Michael Haralambos & Martin Holborn	1,343.00	OXFORD SCHOOL FRENCH DICTIONARY (2017 Edition) by Oxford Dictionaries.

Region	Level	Average Price	Availability	Max (Highest Price Observed)		Min (Lowest Price Observed)	
		J\$	%	J\$	TEXT	J\$	TEXT
	Literature Novels	2,976.78	69%	4,150.00	THE SILVER SWORD by Ian Serrailier. THE ENCHANTED ISLAND by Ian Serrailier	1,101.00	JULIUS CAESAR by William Shakespeare.
RURAL TOWNS (37 outlets)	Infant	1,716.86	77%	2,400.00	INFANT INTEGRATED PHONICS WORKBOOK 3 (Age 5 years) by Lunett Fearon and Maureen McLean INFANT INTEGRATED STUDIES WORKBOOK 3 (Age 5 years) by Maureen McLean and Lunett Fearon	800.00	RIGHT START INTEGRATED READER by Valrie Brown
	Primary	2,268.11	45%	4,935.00	NEW JUNIOR ENGLISH REVISED (New Caribbean Edition) by Haydn Richards, Pamela Mordecai and Grace Walker Gordon	900.00	HOW SMART ARE YOU? REASONING & PROBLEM-SOLVING by B.B. Anders & S.E. Bennett

Region	Level	Average Price	Availability	Max (Highest Price Observed)		Min (Lowest Price Observed)	
		J\$	%	J\$	TEXT	J\$	TEXT
	Grade 7-9	2,450.59	25%	5,440.00	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR JAMAICA: STEWARDSHIP BOOK 3 (Second Edition) by Catherine House, Michael Keene, Grace Peart and Davia Bryan-Campbell.	996.00	ENCORE TRICOLERE 3: NOUVELLE EDITION GRAMMAR IN ACTION by S. Honnor, H. Mascie-Taylor & M. Spencer
	CSEC/CAPE	3,677.17	25%	10,720.00	SOCIOLOGY, THEMES AND PERSPECTIVES (Eight Edition) by Michael Haralambos & Martin Holborn	1,250.00	OXFORD SCHOOL DICTIONARY (Fully Revised 2016, Pocket Size) by Oxford Dictionaries
	Literature Novels	2,940.69	37%	4,350.00	THE YOUNG WARRIORS by V.S. Reid  GREEN DAYS BY THE RIVER by Michael Anthony	955.00	MACBETH by William Shakespeare



## **PRICE AND AVAILABILITY MOVEMENT**

An island wide 9% increase in average price of textbooks was observed against the background of a 6.6% point to point inflation rate between July 2022 and July 2023 and the 1.95% depreciation in the JMD to its US counterpart for the period August 2022 to July 2023.

It was also observed that the average price increase among outlets located in the Greater Kingston Metropolitan Region recorded a similar average price increase of 9% and 8% among outlets located across rural towns islandwide.

Comparative data was available for 157 books: 12 Infant, 55 Primary, 36 Grade 7-9, 36 CSEC /CAPE and 18 Literature novels. Observations of movements in availability was limited, because the 2022 sample excluded most of the outlets within 3 major book chains: Kingston Bookshop, Sangster's Book Stores and Bryan's Book Stores. Price data had however been obtained from their online stores and verified with the data collected at one store branch of each store chain.

Notwithstanding this limitation, it was generally observed that Infant Level books were slightly more available in July 2023 when compared to August 2022. Moreover, this analysis represents an accurate reflection/representation of data captured by our survey officers on textbook prices for various outlets located islandwide.

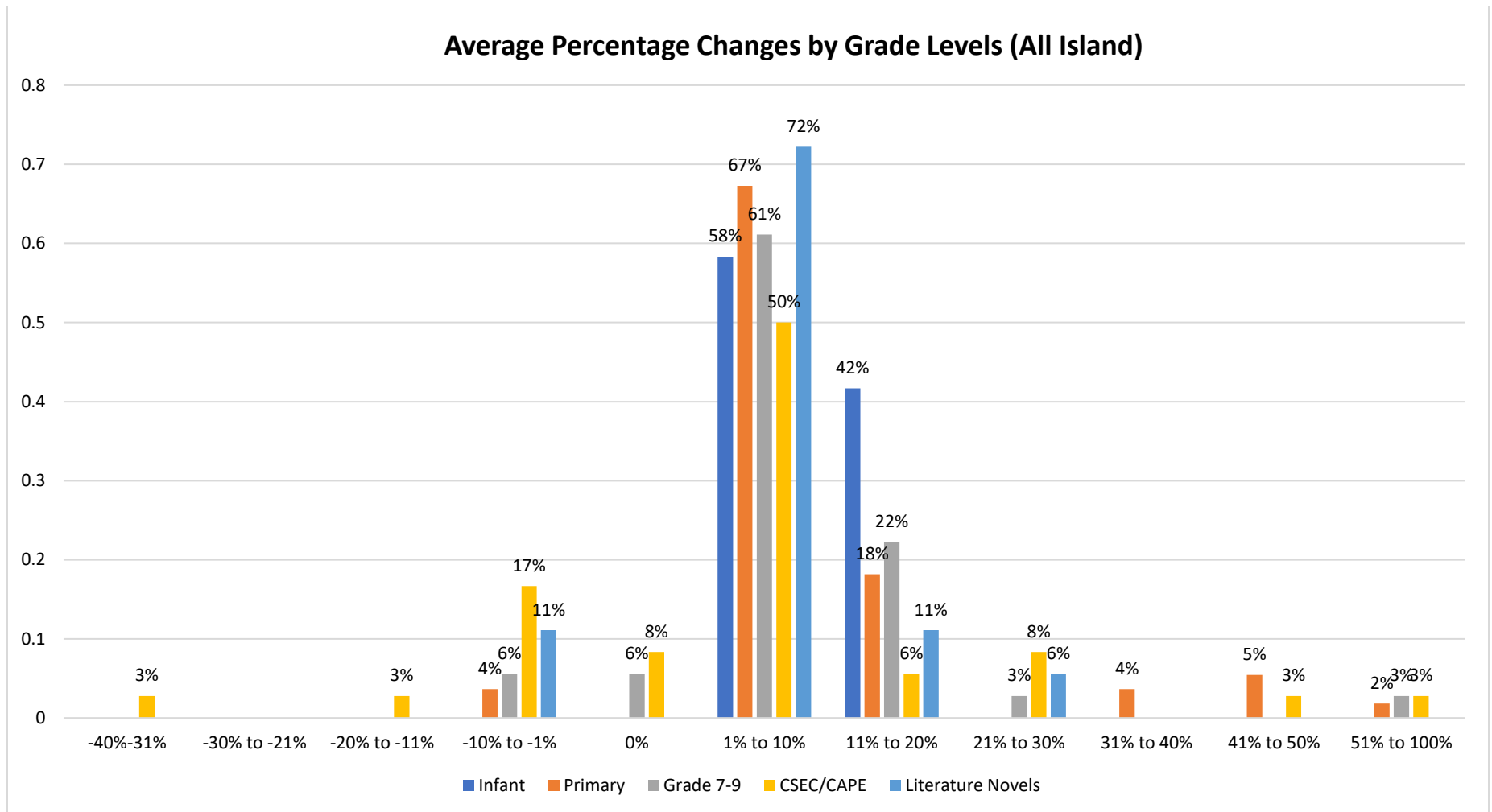
### **Average Price Changes Observed (Islandwide)**

- Most books (62% or 97) recorded price increases between 1% and 10%. This was followed by Twenty-Seven books (17%) which recorded price increases between 11% and 20%.
- This was true across grade levels, revealing that the average price of most Literature novels (72%) and texts at the Primary (67%), Grades 7-9 (61%), Infant (58%) and CSEC/CAPE (50%) levels increased between 1% and 10%. (see Figure 4 below).
- There were five (5) books that recorded price increases ranging from 21% to 30%. These books were all in the high school categories (Grade 7-9, CSEC/CAPE and Literature Novels). Six books (6) had price increases between 31% and 50%. These price increases were observed at all levels except among Infant level books. Moreover, three (3) books, one at the Primary level, and among Grade 7-9 and CSEC /CAPE books recorded an average price increase over 50%.

- The highest average price change was 97% (J\$3,200), recorded by the Agriculture For CSEC (New Edition Revision Course) written by Sahadeo Ragoonanan (Paperback). This change could be explained by the fact that the book had been revised<sup>9</sup>.
- It was noteworthy that the average price of five or 3% of secondary level (3 CSEC /Cape and 2 Grade 7-9) books remained relatively constant or recorded zero price change.
- Some average prices recorded reductions in their average price. Twelve books (8%) recorded price declines ranging from 1% to 10%. These declines were seen in all other categories of books, except at the Infant level.
- Two (2) CSEC/CAPE books had price decreases, ranging from 11% to 40%. Of note was the 34% (\$846.50) reduction in the average price of one CSEC /CAPE English text - Oxford School Dictionary (Fully Revised 2016, Pocket Size) by Oxford Dictionaries.
- The major observations in the movement of textbook prices based on geographic location and grade levels are summarized below:

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<sup>9</sup> **New Edition Agriculture for CSEC (Revision Course)** by Sabaddeo Ragoonanan (Paperback) was the edition surveyed in 2022.



**FIGURE 3: AVERAGE PERCENTAGE CHANGE BY GRADE LEVEL (ALL ISLAND)**

## **ALL ISLAND**

- **Infant School texts**

- Average price increase of J\$162.28 (10.59%)
- The price change observed ranged from an increase of J\$80.48 (4.7%) to an increase of J\$263.68 (15.42%)

- **Primary School texts**

- Average price increase of J\$204.78 (10.58%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$68.40 (2.69%) to an increase of J\$813.44 (51.6%)

- **Grade 7-9 texts**

- Average price increase of J\$188.65 (8.98%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$149.29 (3.77%) to an increase of J\$931.57 (72.38%)

- **CSEC/CAPE texts**

- Average price increase of J\$273.89 (7.46%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$846.50 (34.11%) to an increase of J\$3,200 (96.97%)

- **Literature Novels**

- Average price increase of J\$188.86 (6.62%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$52.90 (3.23%) to an increase of J\$528.70 (21.81%)

## **GKMR**

- **Infant School texts**

- Average price increase of J\$178.53 (12.1%)
- The price change observed ranged from an increase of J\$72.66 (4.2%) to an increase of J\$193.30 (19.86%)

- **Primary School texts**

- Average price increase of J\$198.47 (10.65%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$7.95 (0.54%) to an increase of J\$856.94 (54.7%)

- **Grade 7-9 School texts**

- Average price increase of J\$216.63 (9.41%)
- The price change observed ranged from reduction of J\$244.00 (19.68%) to an increase of J\$935.33 (72.25%)

- **CSEC/CAPE texts**

- Average price increase of J\$211.68 (6.18%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$860.00 (30.18%) to an increase of J\$2,159.40 (42.79%)

- **Literature Novels**

- Average price increase of J\$179.89 (6.65%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$284.13 (10.37%) to an increase of J\$479.17 (18.88%)

## **RURAL**

- **Infant School texts**

- Average price increase of J\$148.94 (9.3%)
- The price change observed ranged from an increase of J\$82.51 (4.85%) to an increase of J\$261.07 (15.31%)

- **Primary School texts**

- Average price increase of J\$190.21 (9.9%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$258.29 (10.26%) to an increase of J\$776.03 (49.12%)

- **Grade 7-9 School texts**

- Average price increase of J\$130.28 (7.51%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$523.33 (12.28%) to an increase of J\$868.75 (67.8%)

- **CSEC/CAPE texts**

- Average price increase of J\$236.47 (6.58%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$655.50 (31.02%) to an increase of J\$2,850 (86.36%)

- **Literature Novels**

- Average price increase of J\$152.12 (4.98%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$223.25 (13.55%) to an increase of J\$540.33 (23.01%)

**TABLE 3 PRICE CHANGE OBSERVATIONS 2022-2023**

Region	Level	Average Price Change (%)	Range in Average Price Change (%)			
			Lower End		Upper end	
ALL ISLAND	Infant	10.59%	4.7%	INFANT INTEGRATED STUDIES WORKBOOK 1 (Age 3 years) by Maureen McLean and Lunett Fearon	15.42%	INFANT INTEGRATED PHONICS WORKBOOK 2 by (Age 4 years) Lunett Fearon and Maureen Mclean
	Primary	10.58%	-2.69%	RAINBOW READERS: A JAMAICAN READING SERIES GRADE 2 by Roma Sinanan and Uriel Narinesingh	51.6%	PRIMARY SCIENCE FOR THE NATIONAL STANDARDS CURRICULUM MISSION: SCIENCE WORKBOOK 6 (Second Edition) by Terry Hudson and Debbie Roberts
	Grade 7-9	8.98%	-3.77%	HOLY BIBLE (REVISED STANDARD VERSION) Published by the Bible Society	72.38%	STP MATHEMATICS FOR JAMAICA GRADE 9 WORKBOOK 3 (Second Edition) by Sue Chandler, Ewart Smith and I. Bettison
	CSEC/CAPE	7.46%	-34.11%	OXFORD SCHOOL DICTIONARY (Fully Revised 2016, Pocket Size) by Oxford Dictionaries	96.97%	AGRICULTURE FOR CSEC (New Edition Revision Course) by Sahadeo Ragoonanan (Paperback)
	Literature Novels	6.62%	-3.23%	MACBETH by William Shakespeare	21.81%	FRANGIPANI HOUSE by Beryl Gilroy

Region	Level	Average Price Change (%)	Range in Average Price Change (%)			
			Lower End		Upper end	
GKMR	Infant	12.1%	4.2%	INFANT INTEGRATED STUDIES WORKBOOK 1 (Age 3 years) by Maureen McLean and Lunett Fearon	19.86%	RIGHT START MATHEMATICS INTEGRATED WORKBOOK (Series B) by Valrie Brown
	Primary	10.65%	-0.54%	CHEETAH PEP ABILITY PRACTICE QUESTIONS by Dr. Paulette Trowers	54.7%	PRIMARY SCIENCE FOR THE NATIONAL STANDARDS CURRICULUM MISSION: SCIENCE WORKBOOK 6 (Second Edition) by Terry Hudson And Debbie Roberts
	Grade 7-9	9.41%	-19.68%	ENCORE TRICOLORE 2: NOUVELLE EDITION GRAMMAR IN ACTION by S. Honnor & H. Mascie-Taylor	72.25%	STP MATHEMATICS FOR JAMAICA GRADE 9 WORKBOOK 3 (Second Edition) by Sue Chandler, Ewart Smith and I. Bettison
	CSEC/CAPE	6.18%	-30.18%	OXFORD SCHOOL DICTIONARY (Fully Revised 2016, Pocket Size) by Oxford Dictionaries	42.79%	CARIBBEAN STUDIES FOR CAPE EXAMINATIONS (Second Edition) by J. Mohammed
	Literature Novels	6.65%	-10.37%	ANIMAL FARM by George Orwell	18.88%	FRANGIPANI HOUSE by Beryl Gilroy
RURAL	Infant	9.30%	4.85%	INFANT INTEGRATED STUDIES WORKBOOK 1 (Age 3 years) by Maureen McLean and Lunett Fearon	15.31%	INFANT INTEGRATED PHONICS WORKBOOK 2 by (Age 4 years) Lunett Fearon and Maureen Mclean



Region	Level	Average Price Change (%)	Range in Average Price Change (%)			
			Lower End		Upper end	
	Primary	9.9%	-10.26%	RAINBOW READERS: A JAMAICAN READING SERIES GRADE 2 by Roma Sinanan and Uriel Narinesingh	49.12%	PRIMARY SCIENCE FOR THE NATIONAL STANDARDS CURRICULUM MISSION: SCIENCE WORKBOOK 6 (Second Edition) by Terry Hudson And Debbie Roberts
	Grade 7-9	7.51%	-12.28%	HOLY BIBLE (REVISED STANDARD VERSION) Published by the Bible Society	67.8%	STP MATHEMATICS FOR JAMAICA GRADE 9 WORKBOOK 3 (Second Edition) by Sue Chandler, Ewart Smith and I. Bettison
	CSEC/CAPE	6.58%	-31.02%	OXFORD SCHOOL DICTIONARY (Fully Revised 2016, Pocket Size) by Oxford Dictionaries	86.36%	AGRICULTURE FOR CSEC (New Edition Revision Course) by Sahadeo Ragoonanan (Paperback)
	Literature Novels	4.98%	-13.55%	MACBETH by William Shakespeare	23.01%	FRANGIPANI HOUSE by Beryl Gilroy

## CONCLUSION

Each year, a main feature of back-to-school preparations for the new school year is the acquisition of school textbooks. Depending on the grade level, parents/guardians can expect that textbooks would account for a large proportion of the back-to-school budget. The CAC's annual school textbook survey provides information to parents on the prices and availability of popular textbooks. The findings revealed that some books were still not readily available at the time of the survey, due to their revision.

The prices observed showed that some outlets had stocks from last year and that the prices were less varied within the GKMR than they were across parish lines. Overall, infant level books cost on average J\$1,734.66, while the average price of primary level texts was \$2,299.97. Secondary texts for grades 7-9 cost an average of J\$2,517.50 while the average cost of CSEC/ CAPE texts was J\$4,050.19. Literature novels were available on average for J\$2,967.56 relative to publisher and other factors.

The data revealed that the average price of most books increased in line with inflation, while some books recorded price reductions.

Textbooks were generally available in over 44% of outlets surveyed. Some bookstores had, however, indicated that they would be receiving new stock soon. As such, the availability of books was expected to increase by the end of August, but this could also mean increased prices.

It is worth noting that consumers do have several options available to source textbooks. Outside of the traditional option of visiting the store and purchasing books, there are also online sources, including WhatsApp through which texts/ supplies can be sourced and parents are encouraged to explore these options.

The CAC also encourages consumers to shop around and take advantage of lower priced old stock and discounts where they exist. Membership discounts were also available at some locations as well as layaway plans. Some bookstores offer second-hand 'almost new' books at lower prices which can be another way for parents to cut costs. Parents are encouraged to check with the schools to ensure the books are still relevant, especially as it relates to the correct edition of each text and in keeping with the Primary Exit Profile (PEP) curriculum. They can also confirm with bookstores if the texts on-shelf are the latest or current edition. They are also advised to closely examine workbooks and student books before purchase, to prevent purchasing the incorrect book as these books have similar covers.

# APPENDIX

## SUBJECT AREAS

	SUBJECT AREAS	BOOKS
1	FOREIGN LANGUAGES	Spanish
		French
2	GEOGRAPHY	Geography
		Atlas
3	GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING	Guidance and Counselling
4	NATURAL SCIENCE	Chemistry
		Biology
		Physics
		Integrated Science
		Primary level Science
5	HOME ECONOMICS	Clothing and Textiles
		Food & Nutrition
6	MATHEMATICS	Mathematics
		Numeracy
7	ENGLISH LITERATURE	Novels
		Poems
		English Literature
8	BUSINESS	Accounting
		Computer
		Management
		Business
9	CARIBBEAN STUDIES	Caribbean Studies
10	ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES	English Language
		Communication Studies
		Dictionary
		Literacy
		Reading
		Writing
11	HISTORY	History
12	ECONOMICS	Economics
13	SOCIOLOGY	Sociology
14	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Religious Education
		Bibles
15	AGRICULTURE	Agricultural Science
16	SOCIAL STUDIES	Social Studies
17	VOCATIONAL STUDIES	Metal Work
		Technical Drawing
		Electrical Installation

## OUTLETS SURVEYED

BOOKSTORES	ADDRESS	TOWN
<b>KINGSTON</b>		<b>3</b>
Kingston Bookshop (Lower)	70b King Street	<b>DOWNTOWN</b>
Sangster's Book Stores	93 1/2 King Street	
The Book Depot	38 Langston Rd	<b>EAST KINGSTON</b>
<b>ST. ANDREW</b>		<b>10</b>
Book Express	12 Studio One Boulevard, Kingston 5	<b>CROSS ROADS</b>
Bryan's Bookstore	Springs Plaza, Kgn 10	<b>HALF-WAY TREE</b>
Kingston Bookshop	Springs Plaza, Kgn 10	
Sangster's Book Stores	Springs Plaza, Kgn 10	
Stationery World & Book Centre	5 Sandringham Avenue, Kgn 10	
Urban Bookstore & Publisher's (New Kgn)	Shop #13, New Lane Plaza, Kgn 10	
Booksmart Stationery & Supplies	Maes Building, 43a Caincurran Avenue, Kgn 20	<b>WASHINGTON BOULEVARD &amp; ENVIRONS</b>
Kingston Bookshop	Boulevard Supercentre, Kgn 20	<b>LIGUANEA</b>
Sangster's Book Stores	Sovereign Centre, Kgn 6	
Kingston Bookshop	115 Hope Road, Kgn 6	
<b>ST. CATHERINE</b>		<b>11</b>
Kingston Bookshop	31 East Trade Way, Portmore Town Centre	<b>PORTMORE</b>
Sangster's Book Stores	Lot 8 Portmore Town Centre,	
The Book and Stationery Place	Portmore Mall,	
Books to Go	Shop 8 AMC Plaza, Port Henderson	
Economic Book Centre**	4a Oxford Street, Spanish Town P.O.	<b>SPANISH TOWN</b>
Angel's Book and Variety Store	Angel Plaza.	
Sangster's Book Stores	Shop # 37, Sagicor Shopping Centre, Burke Road	
Kingston Bookshop	The Oasis Shopping Centre Shop 6, March Pen Road	
Books & Bites	Shop #4-5 Eastside Plaza, 35 East St,	<b>OLD HARBOUR</b>
Edu-Tech Supply Centre	56 King Street, Linstead	<b>LINSTEAD</b>
R & P Grocery Plus	Guys Hill	<b>GUY'S HILL</b>
<b>CLARENDON</b>		<b>2</b>
Young's Book Store	27-29 Main Street, May Pen	<b>MAY PEN</b>
Winmar's Bookstore	Shop 1, Zela Plaza, May Pen P.O.	
<b>ST. ANN</b>		<b>4</b>
Brown's Town Books & Stationery	4 St. Hilda's Drive	<b>BROWN'S TOWN</b>
Direct Books & Stationery	34 Main Street	
Catalyst Bookstore & Stationery	Shop 44 Ocean Vill Shopping Centre	<b>OCHO RIOS</b>
Bryan's Bookstore	Shop 12-15, Island Plaza	

<b>BOOKSTORES</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>TOWN</b>
<b>MANCHESTER</b>		<b>4</b>
Super Deals Bookshop	Main Street, Spalding P.O.	<b>SPALDING</b>
Manchester Institute of Learning Bookstore	3 Timber Trail, Mandeville	<b>MANDEVILLE</b>
A-Z Bookshop and Tiny Tots	Shop 30 Mandeville Plaza	
Okazion Stationery	Willow Gate Plaza, Mandeville P.O.	
<b>ST. ELIZABETH</b>		<b>5</b>
Chapter 5 Book Shop	Shop #8a, Pines Plaza, Junction P.O.	<b>JUNCTION</b>
G & J Stationery & School Supply	Williamsfield District, Maggotty P.O.	<b>MAGGOTTY</b>
Arts 'N' Things Shop	1 Manifest Plaza, Santa Cruz	<b>SANTA CRUZ</b>
A-Z Bookshop	Mid-Town Plaza, Santa Cruz	
Andjos Data Processing	1 Institution Drive, Santa Cruz	
<b>WESTMORELAND</b>		<b>3</b>
Jevon's Enterprise	Little London, Little London P.O.	<b>LITTLE LONDON</b>
Possession Books & Stationery	Shop 16, In Thing PLaza, 44 Beckford Street	<b>SAVANNA-LA-MAR</b>
Pill Box Pharmacy	17 Lewis Street	
<b>ST. JAMES</b>		<b>4</b>
Kmar Books & Cyberflex	Shop #4, Phillips Plaza, Anchovy P.O.	<b>ANCHOVY</b>
Chambers Bookstore	3 Barracks Road, Montego Bay	<b>MONTEGO BAY</b>
Henderson Bookstore	27 St. James Street, MONTEGO BAY P.O.	
Sangster's Book Stores	Shop 103 Baywest Plaza, Montego Bay	
<b>TRELAWNY</b>		<b>4</b>
Advent Pharmacy	7 Water Square	<b>FALMOUTH</b>
Trelawny Book Supplies & Pharmacy	19 Market Street	
Cat D's Books, Stationery & Supplies	2-4 Tharpe Street	
Wakefield Book and Variety Store	Wakefield	<b>WAKEFIELD</b>
<b>ST. MARY</b>		<b>4</b>
Annotto Bay Bookshop	Main Street	<b>ANNOTTO BAY</b>
Highgate One Stop Bookshop	Main Street	<b>HIGHGATE</b>
Port Maria Book & Record Centre	Mannings Plaza	<b>PORT MARIA</b>
Books Stationery & Supplies	27 Stennett Street	
<b>PORTLAND</b>		<b>2</b>
Port Antonio School Shop	24 Harbour Street, Port Antonio P.O.	<b>PORT ANTONIO</b>
Hamilton Bookshop	37 West Street, Port Antonio P.O.	
<b>ST THOMAS</b>		<b>2</b>
Hilda Maud	Main Street	<b>YALLAHS</b>
Lee's Books & Things	20 Queen Street	<b>MORANT BAY</b>

**\*\*** Economic Book Centre sells both new and used books. This data was therefore excluded from the analysis.

# SURVEY INSTRUMENT

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## SCHOOL TEXTBOOK SURVEY - JULY 24-31, 2023

<b>ESTABLISHMENT:</b> _____			<b>DATE:</b> _____	
<b>ADDRESS:</b> _____			<b>TELEPHONE:</b> _____	
<b>TIME IN:</b> _____			<b>TIME OUT:</b> _____	
<b>GCT CERTIFICATE ON DISPLAY?</b>		<b>YES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>G.C.T. ALREADY INCLUDED</b> _____
		<b>NO</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>HAVE YOU SEEN THE CERTIFICATE?</b>		<b>YES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>G.C.T. ADDED AT CASHIER</b> _____
		<b>NO</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>SUBJECT AREA /LEVEL</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ISBN</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>HIGH SCHOOL BOOKS</b>				
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>	<b>AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE FOR CSEC EXAMINATIONS (Second Edition)</b> by Marion Perrett-Pearson and Ronald Ramharacksingh	978-1380045256		
	<b>AGRICULTURE FOR CSEC (New Edition Revision Course)</b> by Sahadeo Ragoonanan (Paperback)	978-9766484583		
<b>BUSINESS</b>	<b>ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES (Fourteenth Edition)</b> by Jerry J. Weygandt , Paul D. Kimmel and Jill E. Mitchell	978-1119707110		
	<b>BUSINESS STUDIES (Fourth Edition)</b> by Dave Hall, Rob Jones, Carlo Raffo, Alain Anderton (Edited by I. Chambers and D. Gray)	978-1405892315		
	<b>MANAGEMENT OF BUSINESS FOR CAPE, UNIT 1</b> by Peter Stimpson and Kathleen Singh	978-0521696999		
	<b>ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT PREPARATION AND MANAGEMENT FOR CSEC EXAMINATIONS (SBA Chapter)</b> by Howard Campbell and Olivene Bogle-Graham (Series editor: Dr. Mike Taylor)	978-0230533417		
<b>CARIBBEAN STUDIES</b>	<b>CARIBBEAN STUDIES FOR CAPE EXAMINATIONS (Second Edition)</b> by J. Mohammed	978-0230431577		
<b>COMMUNICATION STUDIES</b>	<b>COMMUNICATION STUDIES FOR CAPE EXAMINATIONS (Second Edition)</b> by V. Simon and S. Osbourne	978-0230431584		
<b>ECONOMICS</b>	<b>ECONOMICS: PRINCIPLES AND POLICY (Fourteenth Edition)</b> by W.J. Baumol, A.S. Blinder and J.L. Solow	978-1337696326		
	<b>ECONOMICS FOR CAPE</b> by C Bamford and N. Mohammed	978-0521701419		

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SUBJECT AREA /LEVEL	TITLE	ISBN	PRICE	COMMENTS
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION	ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: THEORY & PRACTICE (Third Edition) by E.L. Donnelly	978-0174450740		
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	ENGLISH MATTERS FOR JAMAICA (Second Edition) - GRADE 7 WORKBOOK (with online listening exercises) by Julia Sander (Advisors: Caprece McLeary, Tenesha Gordon)	978-1380018038		
	ENGLISH MATTERS FOR JAMAICA (Second Edition) - GRADE 8 WORKBOOK (with online listening exercises) by Julia Sander (Advisors: Caprece McLeary, Tenesha Gordon)	978-1380018045		
	ENGLISH MATTERS FOR JAMAICA (Second Edition) - GRADE 9 WORKBOOK (with online listening exercises) by Julia Sander (Advisors: Caprece McLeary, Tenesha Gordon)	978-1380018052		
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	WRITING IN ENGLISH: A COURSE BOOK FOR CARIBBEAN STUDENTS (Second Edition) by Hazel Simmons-McDonald, Linda Fields and Peter Roberts	978-9766373696		
	DEVELOPING PROFICIENCY IN C.X.C. ENGLISH A - PAPER 1 MULTIPLE CHOICE (Revised Edition) by Roy Narinesingh and Ina vds Narinesingh	978-9769630888		
	GLENCOE LANGUAGE ARTS GRAMMAR AND LANGUAGE WORKBOOK GRADE 9	978-0028182940		
	POCKET OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY (Eleventh Edition ) Edited by Maurice Waite	978-0199666157		
	OXFORD STUDENT'S THESAURUS (2016 Edition)	978-0192749390		
	OXFORD SCHOOL DICTIONARY (Fully Revised 2016, Pocket Size) by Oxford Dictionaries (Paperback)	978-0192747105		
ENGLISH LITERATURE	A COW CALLED BOY by C. Everard Palmer	ANY		Insert Publisher /Type Cover
	THE SILVER SWORD by Ian Serrailier	ANY		
	THE ENCHANTED ISLAND by Ian Serrailier	ANY		
	THE YOUNG WARRIORS by V.S. Reid	ANY		
	MACBETH by William Shakespeare	ANY		
	SUNSONG 1 by Pamela Mordecai and Grace Walker Gordon	978-0582765559		
	SUNSONG 2 (Revised Edition) by Pamela Mordecai, Edited by Grace Walker Gordon	978-0582089136		
	BITE IN 1 (New Edition) by Cecil Gray	978-0175663866		
	BITE IN 2 (New Edition) by Cecil Gray	978-0175663873		
	FRANGIPANI HOUSE by Beryl Gilroy	ANY		
	OLD STORY TIME (CSEC Student Edition) by Trevor Rhone	978-1408245149		
	JULIUS CAESAR by William Shakespeare	ANY		
	MY FATHER, SUN-SUN JOHNSON by C. Everal Palmer	ANY		
	FULL CIRCLE by C. Everal Palmer	ANY		
	ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY by Mildred D. Taylor	ANY		
	OF MICE AND MEN by John Steinbeck	ANY		



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ENGLISH LITERATURE	GREEN DAYS BY THE RIVER by Michael Anthony	ANY		
	OVER OUR WAY by Jean D'Costa & Velma Pollard	ANY		
	TWELFTH NIGHT by William Shakespeare	ANY		
	ANANSI by Alistaire Campbell	ANY		
	FOR THE LIFE OF LAETITIA by Merle Hodge	ANY		
	ANIMAL FARM by George Orwell	ANY		
	A WORLD OF POETRY (Third Edition) Edited by Mark McWatt and Hazel Simmons-McDonald	978-1510414310		
	A WORLD OF PROSE (Third Edition) Edited by David Williams and Hazel Simmonds-McDonald	978-1510414327		
FOREIGN LANGUAGES	DIME WORKBOOK 1 SPANISH FOR CARIBBEAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS (Second Edition with Audio CD) by Sally Seetahal-Mohammed (Series Editor: Jeannette Allsopp)	978-0230455443		
	DIME MUCHO WORKBOOK 2 SPANISH FOR CARIBBEAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS (Second Edition with Audio CD) by Sally Seetahal-Mohammed (Series Editor: Jeannette Allsopp)	978-0230455467		
	DIME MUCHO MÁS WORKBOOK 3 SPANISH FOR CARIBBEAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS (Second Edition with Audio CD) by Sally Seetahal-Mohammed (Series Editor: Jeannette Allsopp)	978-0230455481		
	¿QUÉ HAY? CUADERNO 1 (Second Edition) by Christine Haylett, Jeffrey Britton, Margaret Leacock, Yorley Mendez, Georgia Pinnock, Angie Ramnarine, Lesbia Tesorero	978-0198425854		
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