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### Key Decision Summary

- **Edition Fit:** ISBN 9780357625446 matches the eighth edition of *Early Education Curriculum: A Child's Connection to the World*.
- **Cheapest Route:** The eTextbook is still a little cheaper than print.
- **Best Print Value:** The current print listing is dramatically lower than the sampled new-print comparators.
- **Practicum Logic:** Print has a stronger case when curriculum planning, observation, and activity design will carry into field placement or early classroom work.
- **Price Snapshot Date:** April 15, 2026

## If you only need the buying answer

If you only need this text for one class, the eTextbook at **\$50.99** is slightly cheaper. If you expect to use the book again while planning environments, activities, and developmentally appropriate curriculum, the current print listing at **\$56.99** is a strong ownership choice because the price gap is small while the sampled new-print comparators are much higher.

Store	Format	Condition	Price	Link
<b>Merybook</b>	Print	New	<b>\$56.99</b>	<a href="#">Check listing</a>
Textbooks.com	eTextbook	Digital access	\$50.99	<a href="#">Check price</a>
Textbooks.com	Print	New	\$138.63	<a href="#">Check price</a>

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This is one of the better ownership cases in the whole early-childhood cluster because the print and digital prices are close while the likely reuse value is real. Curriculum books for early education often become working manuals once students begin planning environments, activities, and developmentally appropriate instruction in actual settings.

## What this book actually teaches

*Early Education Curriculum* is about more than activity ideas. It connects observation, assessment, classroom environment, developmentally appropriate planning, and curriculum design for young children. That means the book is useful not only when someone is learning terminology, but when they begin turning developmental knowledge into daily planning decisions.

This practical planning role is what gives print a stronger case here. The book can keep serving as a reference during practicum, student teaching, or early classroom work, especially when the reader needs to rethink activities, inclusion, or how environment and curriculum fit together.

## When print is worth keeping

If you only want the cheapest access, digital still wins by a small margin. If you expect to use the book beyond the course, the current print listing is easy to defend because the extra cost over digital is small while the ownership value is much higher.

## Sources checked

- Cengage product page for *Early Education Curriculum: A Child's Connection to the World*, 8th edition: [cengage.com](https://www.cengage.com)
- Current market pricing reviewed on April 15, 2026.