

## **Student Fees, Fines and Charges**

### Instructional Materials, Fees and Fines

The district loans textbooks to students. Nonindigent students may be asked to pay a non-refundable rental fee reasonably related to the actual cost of some or all of the textbooks provided to them. Rental fees shall be adopted by the Board each spring for the following school year. Fees for expendable instructional materials shall be adopted at the same time. No rental fee will be assessed for classroom reference materials or library books.

It is expected that students shall return textbooks to the school in good condition, except for ordinary wear. Students shall be assessed fines for lost, damaged or defaced books (including those checked out from the library), materials or equipment. The fines will be for the amount of the loss.

If the district has made a reasonable effort to obtain payment for lost or damaged textbooks (including those checked out from the library) to no avail, it may withhold the diploma, transcript or grades of any student who has failed to return or replace them by the end of the semester or the school year. The district may also deny the privilege of participating in graduation ceremonies to students who have failed to return or replace such books by the date of the ceremony. Parents or guardians of such students may, however, view the students' records and make copies of them at their expense, in accordance with federal law.

Students who have difficulty in paying fines may arrange for alternative payment methods such as installment plans or school service. No student shall be refused the use of textbooks because of failure to pay the required fees.

### Fees for Extra Supplies and Materials

The district may charge fees for specific classes that consume more supplies and materials than normal classroom instruction or result in projects that become the personal property of a student or his family.

### Various School and Activity Fees

Students may be asked to pay fees voluntarily as a condition of participating in or attending a school-sponsored activity or program that is not within the academic portion of the educational program.

Upon the recommendation of the superintendent, the Board shall approve fees for the use of school-owned items such as choral robes, band uniforms and musical instruments.

Students participating in a school activity which is not required by their teacher or used in determining a grade may be required to pay charges covering the cost of the activity. Such charges may include, but are not limited to, entrance or admission fees, meals and lodging. The transportation costs of academically-related field trips cannot be charged. The teacher and principal should make every effort to see that no student who wishes to participate is denied the opportunity to take part because of lack of funds.

### Waiver of Fees

Indigent students shall not be required to pay textbook rental or expendable materials fees, fines for lost or damaged books or other charges and fees. An indigent student is defined as any child who is eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the federal poverty income guidelines. Students qualifying for a fee waiver will receive it without unnecessary embarrassment or public exposure of their need.

### Fee Schedule

The district shall prepare and make available upon request a complete list of student fees, whether fees are voluntary or mandatory and the specific activity from which a student will be excluded if a fee is not paid.

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