

## STUDENT FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES

### Section I: Student Charges

Each student shall be informed that he is responsible for every textbook issued to him and that in the event a textbook is lost or damaged, charges will be assessed based on the condition of the textbook at the time it was issued.

### Section II: Student Fees

By authority vested in the superintendent by the Board of Trustees, reasonable fees, but not more than actual cost, may be charged for the following:

1. Supplemental instructional materials and supplies, excluding textbooks;
2. Materials and supplies related to a valid curriculum educational objective, including transportation; and
3. Extracurricular activities and any other educational activities of the school district which are not specifically designated as valid curriculum educational objectives, such as band trips and athletic events.

Fees for supplemental instructional materials and supplies and materials and supplies related to a valid curriculum educational objective, including transportation, shall be charged unless the pupil is unable to pay for reasons of financial hardship. Fees for identical materials, such as workbooks, will be the same at all schools.

Fees for extracurricular activities and any other educational activities of the school district, which are not specifically designated as valid curriculum educational objectives, such as band trips and athletic events, are exempt from the from the financial hardship waiver.

### Section III: Financial Waiver Requisites

- A. Fees for supplemental instructional materials and supplies and other fees related to a valid curriculum educational objective, including transportation, may be waived for cases of financial hardship. The following conditions must be met by the staff and administrators.
  1. Referrals by the classroom teacher and applications for hardship waiver shall be kept in the strictest of confidence with all files and personal disclosures restricted from review by the general public.
  2. Pupils eligible to have any such fee waived as a result of an inability to pay shall not be discriminated against

nor shall there be any overt identification of any pupil who has received a financial hardship waiver by use of special tokens or tickets, announcements, posting or publication of names, physical separation, choice of materials or by any other means

3. The school district's procedures shall not expose any pupil receiving a hardship waiver to any type of stigma or ridicule by other people or school district personnel
4. The confidentiality of this policy shall apply equally to any students who have an inability to pay any fees authorized under this policy.

B. In no case shall the inability to pay the assessment of fees authorized under the provisions of this policy result in a pupil being denied or deprived of any academic awards or standards, any class selection, grade, diploma, transcript or the right to participate in any activity related to educational advancement.

#### Section IV:

In all cases, student's fees, fines and charges shall be held to the minimum. (DEGD) The superintendent shall establish suitable administrative procedures consistent with this policy for its implementation.

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