

Student Fees, Fines and Charges

Students shall not be charged an instructional fee as a condition of enrollment in school or as a condition of attendance in any class that is considered part of the academic portion of the district's educational program except tuition when allowed by law. However, the district may require students to pay textbook fees, fees for expendable materials and other miscellaneous fees as more fully set forth in this policy.

All student fees and charges shall be adopted by the Board. The fee shall remain in place until modified or removed by Board resolution. All student fees adopted by the Board shall be used for the purposes set forth in the motion and shall not be spent for any other purpose.

Textbook fees

Textbooks shall be provided on a loan basis. Non-indigent students may be asked to pay a nonrefundable rental fee reasonably related to the actual cost of some or all of the textbooks provided for the student. The rental fee and corresponding depreciation schedule shall be adopted by the Board prior to the textbook's introduction into the classroom. No rental fee will be assessed for textbooks and workbooks used in the classroom for reference.

It is expected that students shall return textbooks to the school in good condition except for ordinary wear. Student 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. In computing a fine, 20 percent of the original cost of a book will be deducted for each year it has been used.

Indigent students, as determined in accordance with district guidelines, shall not be required to pay a textbook rental fee, damage deposit or fine for lost or damaged books. A student shall not be refused use of textbooks based on failure to pay the required fees.

Fees for expendable supplies and materials

Teachers shall determine a basic course for each class which can be completed with materials furnished by the school. However students may be charged a fee for expendable supplies and materials used in the course. Fees for expendable supplies and materials shall relate directly to the actual cost of providing these materials to the student these fees shall be waived for indigent students. Students shall be required to pay for materials that go into shop, crafts or art projects that are above the basic requirements for the course and are to be retained by the student.

Miscellaneous fees

Students may be asked to pay miscellaneous fees on a voluntary basis as a condition of participating in or attending a school-sponsored activity or program not within the academic portion of the educational program.

Fees for the use of items such as choral robes, band uniforms and school-owned instruments shall be approved by the Board upon the recommendation of the superintendent.

Students participating in activities which are not required by the teacher or used in the determination of a grade may be required to pay charges covering the cost of the activity. Such charges may include but are not limited to admission fees, food costs and transportation costs on activity trips. However, it is incumbent upon the teacher and principal to make every effort to be sure not student is denied the right to participate in trips or other enrichment activities because of lack of funds.

Waiver of fees

All fees, fines and charges shall be waived for indigent students. For purposes of determining if a student is able to pay, an indigent student is defined as any child who is eligible for a free or reduced price under the federal poverty income guidelines.

Fee schedule

The district shall prepare and make available upon request a complete list of student fees and their purposes. Parents shall be informed on the fee schedule or otherwise how to apply for waiver of fees. Students qualifying for a fee waiver will receive it without unnecessary embarrassment or public exposure of their need.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(u)
C.R.S. 33-32-110 (1)(o)
C.R.S. 22-32-117
C.R.S. 22-32-118
C.R.S. 22-45-104

CROSS REF.: EFC, Free and Reduced Price Food Services