

STUDENT FEES AND CHARGES

Background

The District is committed to providing a wide range of educational opportunities for all students.

The District will provide free of charge to school-age students resident in the District and enrolled in an educational program at one of its schools:

- Instruction in an educational program sufficient to meet general graduation requirements;
- Educational resource materials necessary for participation in the education program; and
- Field studies where attendance is mandatory and/or assessment will take place.

Procedures

1. Under the *School Act*, the District may charge fees for goods and services:
 - 1.1. For the purchase or rental of tools, equipment and materials necessary for a student's participation in a trades program (the District may alternatively require students to provide their own tools, equipment and materials necessary for participation in a trades program);
 - 1.2. For the purchase or rental of a musical instrument for the student's personal use (the District may alternatively require a student to provide his or her own musical instrument for the purposes of participation in a music class, course or program or a fine arts class, course or program with a music component);
 - 1.3. For paper, writing tools, exercise books, and other school supplies and equipment intended for students' personal use;
 - 1.4. For materials and equipment beyond that which is necessary to meet the required learning outcomes or assessment requirements of an educational program provided by the District;
 - 1.5. For the expenses such as transportation, accommodation, meals, entrance fees and equipment rentals for optional trips or special events; and
 - 1.6. For a specialty academy.
2. Students may also be required to pay for being involved in processes not directly required for graduation in the K-12 program; examples of such fees would include fees required to enroll in the Challenge Process, writing examinations for equivalency, or examinations for programs outside the Provincial Examination process.
3. Fees may also be charged for extracurricular activities, membership in a student association, yearbooks, combination locks for lockers, etc. Administrators will monitor the charging of such fees to ensure that the spirit of the *School Act* is observed.

4. The District is authorized, by law, to charge tuition fees to non-resident students.
5. Textbooks will be made available to all students in sufficient quantity and at appropriate levels so that they are optimally useful to each student and so that teachers can meet both the planned curriculum and the special instructional needs of the students, to the extent that the budget allows. All textbooks will be provided free of charge, subject to their return in good condition at the conclusion of the school year or course.
 - 5.1. A charge will be made for lost textbooks and for those returned defaced or showing undue wear.

Reference: Section 20, 22, 65, 82, 82.1, 82.2, 82.3, 82.4, 85 School Act
Ministerial Order 236/07

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