

STUDENT FEES: NON-TUITION

Background

Good Spirit School Division believes in providing accessible, equitable, and quality learning opportunities for all students. When fees are charged to enhance programming, this must be carefully balanced with the stated desire to provide a publicly funded education to students without charging fees. Every effort will be made to ensure that additional fees levied are reasonable and are on a cost-recovery basis.

Procedures

1. In accordance with the Education Act, when students, parents, or guardians are held accountable for accidental or willful damage to school property, the money may be recovered directly by the school or Division.
2. The principal, subject to the approval of the School Community Council, may establish student fees within the following limits:
 - 2.1 School Supplies: Schools may charge students for school supplies, provided that fees are based on actual costs and do not include any markup, ensuring a cost-recovery approach.
 - 2.2 Practical and Applied Arts fee: Schools may charge students to recover the actual costs of projects that exceed regular course programming such as special projects.
 - 2.3 Yearbook fees: Schools may charge up to the maximum of the actual costs of producing the yearbook, but in all cases, the purchase of the yearbook will be optional.
 - 2.4 Off-site co-curricular and extra-curricular events: Schools may charge a fee at the established cost of the event, which might include admission, travel, and accommodations.
 - 2.5 Optional items and events: Schools may charge for optional items and events approved by the principal provided.
 - 2.5.1 Such charges are reasonable.
 - 2.5.2 Students are given the opportunity to opt out of the item or event and not pay the charges; and
 - 2.5.3 Such items, events, or activities are not compulsory in a mandatory course of instruction.

2.5.4 Caution fees: High schools may charge a maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per student.

2.5.5 Band Fees: Students enrolled in an optional band program may be assessed a loan fee of up to \$150 per year to borrow a division owned instrument. The loan fee is based on the average cost of maintenance and repair of instruments.

3. General:

3.1 The principal shall submit a copy of the fee schedule for the upcoming year by April 1 of each year to the School Community Council for review and approval;

3.2 Fees are to be collected and administered through the school office; and

3.3 The principal shall follow all Administrative Procedures to ensure the safekeeping and accounting of funds.

4. In certain situations, fees may be lowered at the discretion of the principal.

5. No student shall experience negative impacts on their educational outcomes, participation, or assessment due to unpaid school fees.

6. The principal, in dealing with unpaid student accounts, may contact the Chief Financial Officer.

7. Parents and students shall have the right to appeal to the Director (or designate).

Reference: Section 85, 87, 109, 142, 175 Education Act

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