



To nurture curiosity, resilience and joy in all

340 STUDENT FEES AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

The Board of Education believes that providing a wide range of educational opportunities and experiences enhances students' learning, and will provide, free of charge, educational resource materials necessary to participate in an educational program sufficient to meet the general requirements for graduation.

Students shall not be charged fees for goods and/or services necessary to meet the learning outcomes or assessment requirements of an educational program, subject to exceptions authorized by the *School Act*.

The application of school fees throughout the district shall be reviewed annually to ensure that fees are consistent and in accordance with legislative requirements. The Superintendent will publish a schedule of fees prior to the beginning of the school year to be available to students and parents/guardians.

To ensure that fees and deposits do not become a barrier to student participation in educational programs, the Superintendent shall establish confidential procedures to support families who are experiencing financial hardship.

Guidelines

1. The Board may require refundable or partly refundable deposits for educational resource materials in accordance with the *School Act*.
2. The Board may charge a fee for specialty programs as well as resources such as materials, supplies, equipment, and musical instruments, which are intended for the personal use of the student and are beyond the provision of a basic educational program.
3. The Board may charge a fee for costs such as transportation, accommodation, meals, entrance fees and equipment rental associated with field trips or special events.
4. The Board may require a student to provide, at their own personal expense, appropriate personal clothing for school activities such as physical education clothing, footwear, outerwear, and personal safety equipment