

Student Fees, Fines or Charges

The district will provide an educational program for students that is as free of costs as possible.

The superintendent, or designee, may approve the use of supplementary supplies or materials for which a charge is made to the student. Students may choose to purchase the supplies or materials elsewhere, or provide reasonable alternatives. Alternative purchases of supplies and materials should not be made until the alternative supplies or materials are approved by the instructor or other district staff. A proper accounting will be made of all monies received by staff for supplies and materials in alignment with district accounting and cash-handling policies and procedures.

The board delegates authority to the superintendent, or designee, to impose reasonable fines, establish appropriate fees and establish procedures for the collection of such fines and fees. The superintendent, or designee, will provide a list of fees to the board on an annual basis. Arrangements will be made for the waiver or reduction of fees for students whose families, by reason of their low income, would have difficulty paying the full fee. For programs governed by the National School Lunch Act, the USDA Child Nutrition Program guidelines will be used to determine qualification for waiver. The superintendent, or designee, will establish a procedure for the annual notification of parents regarding the availability of fee waivers and reductions, including eligibility information for free or reduced-price meals.

A student will be responsible for the cost of replacing district-owned materials or property which are lost or damaged while in the student's possession or due to the student's actions. A student's diploma may be withheld until restitution is made by payment or the equivalency through community service. The student, or his/her parents, may appeal the imposition of a charge for damages by following procedures established by the Superintendent and outlined in 3520P.

Legal References:	42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq. McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act RCW 28A.220.040 Fiscal support — Reimbursement to school districts — Enrollment fees — Deposit RCW 28A.225.330 Enrolling students from other districts — Requests for information and permanent records — Withheld transcripts — Immunity from liability — Notification to teachers and security personnel — Rules RCW 28A.320.230(f) Instructional materials — Instructional materials committee RCW 28A.330.100 Additional powers of board RCW 28A.635.060 Defacing or injuring school property — Liability of pupil, parent or guardian — Withholding grades, diplomas or transcripts — Suspension and restitution — Voluntary work program as alternative — Rights protected AGO 1965-66, #113 Districts - Schools - Fees — Tuition - Supplies — Authority of school districts to charge tuition fees or textbook fees AGO 1973, No. 11 Districts - Schools - Tuition & Fees — Authority of school districts to charge various fees
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