

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to fully implement the intent of the Minnesota Public School Fee Law, Minn. Stat. § 123B.34-.39.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY:

- A. No pupil shall be denied an education because of economic inability to furnish educational books and supplies necessary to complete educational requirements necessary for graduation.
- B. The acquisition of an education in Minnesota shall not be dependent on the ability of the child or his parents to pay school fees. No pupil's rights or privileges, including the receipt of grades or diploma, may be denied or abridged for nonpayment of fees.
- C. There shall be no fees assessed for educational activities during the school day, with the exceptions as noted in the following Section.
- D. The School District may waive any deposit or fee if any student or the student's parent or guardian is unable to pay it.

III. EXCEPTIONS:

- 1. The School District may assess a fee in any program where the resultant product, in excess of minimum requirements and at the student's option, becomes the personal property of the student.
- 2. A security deposit for the return of materials, supplies or equipment may be charged.
- 3. The School District may assess fees for personal physical education and athletic equipment and apparel, although any pupil may provide their own if it meets reasonable requirements and standards relating to health and safety.
- 4. The School District may assess admission fees or charges for extra-curricular activities where attendance is optional, and where the admission fees or charges a student must pay to attend or participate in the extracurricular activity are the same for all students, regardless of whether the student is enrolled in a public, private or home school.
- 5. Students may be charged a rental fee for the use of District-owned musical instruments not to exceed either the rental cost to the district or the annual depreciation plus the actual maintenance cost for each instrument.
- 6. Students may be charged for transportation to and from extracurricular activities conducted at a location other than school, where attendance is optional.
- 7. Students enrolled in post-secondary enrollment options program may be charged for transportation to and from post-secondary schools.

8. Students who wish to seek academic credit beyond school curriculum may be charged fees for applicable tests or similar credit-approval processes.
9. Fees for field trips or other student travel are covered by Policy 606.
10. Additional fees may be charged as consistent with the Minnesota Public School Fee Law.

IV. ADDITIONAL EXPENSES:

1. Students are expected to furnish personal or consumable items, i.e. pencils, paper, pens, erasers, notebooks, etc.
2. Students have the option to purchase, at their own expense, items such as student publications, class rings, annuals, and graduation announcements if such are made available by any component of the District.
3. Students are responsible for payment of admission fees and related expenses for school dances or other such predominantly social activities.
4. Students are responsible for optional parking pass fees and any fines or tickets incurred for improper parking.
5. Students or families who are financially unable to afford personal items noted in this Section are encouraged to contact the school building office to learn whether other avenues are available to assist in the purchase of items.

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