

Student Fees, Fines and Charges

Students shall not be charged an instructional fee as a condition of enrollment in school or as a condition of attendance in any class that is considered part of the academic portion of the district's educational program except tuition when allowed by law. However, the district may require students to pay textbook fees, fees for expendable materials and other miscellaneous fees as more fully set forth in this policy.

All student fees and charges shall be adopted by the Board. The fees shall remain in place until modified or removed by Board resolution. All student fees adopted by the Board shall be used for the purposes set forth in the motion and shall not be spent for any other purpose.

When publicizing any information concerning any fee authorized to be collected by this policy, the school shall specify whether the fee is voluntary or mandatory and the specific activity from which the student will be excluded if the fee is not paid.

Among the fees which the Board may authorize are the following:

Textbooks, library resources and other school property

The district may assess a general textbook and instructional materials fee to all students.

It is expected that students shall return textbooks, library resources and other school property to the school in good condition except for ordinary wear. Students shall be assessed fines for lost, damaged or defaced books (including those checked out from the library), materials or equipment. The fines will be for the amount of the loss. In computing a fine, 20 percent of the original cost of a book, library resource or other school property will be deducted for each year it has been used.

If the school district has made a reasonable effort to obtain payment for lost or damaged textbooks, library resources or other school property and the student is graduating, the district may deny the privilege of participation in the graduation ceremony if the student fails to return or replace a textbook, library resource or other school property by the date of the ceremony. Alternative payment methods, such as installment plans or school service, shall apply to students who are unable to pay.

As determined by the district, unpaid fees or fines may be sent to collections. A student shall not be refused use of textbooks based on failure to pay the required fees.

Fees for expendable supplies and materials

Teachers shall determine a basic course for each class which can be completed with materials furnished by the school. However students may be charged a fee for expendable supplies and materials used in the course. Fees for expendable supplies and materials shall relate directly to the actual cost of providing these materials to the student. Students shall be required to pay for materials that go into

shop, crafts or art projects that are above the basic requirements for the course and are to be retained by the student.

Miscellaneous fees

Students may be asked to pay miscellaneous fees and expenses on a voluntary basis as a condition of attending, participating in, or obtaining materials/clothing/equipment used in a school-sponsored activity or program not within the academic portion of the educational program.

Rental fees for the use of items such as choral robes, band uniforms and school-owned instruments shall be approved by the Board upon the recommendation of the superintendent.

Students participating in activities which are not required by the teacher or used in the determination of a grade may be required to pay charges covering the cost of the activity. Such charges may include but are not limited to admission fees, food costs and transportation costs on activity trips. However, it is incumbent upon the teacher and principal to make every effort to be sure no student is denied the right to participate in trips or other enrichment activities because of lack of funds.

The district may impose and collect a fee for the payment of excess transportation costs in accordance with state law. Only those students who use the district's transportation services shall be required to pay any transportation fee.

Waiver of fees

All fees, fines and charges for textbooks and expendable supplies and materials required for classes within the academic portion of the educational program and any transportation fee shall be waived for indigent students who complete the district's fee waiver process.

All fees for textbooks, expendable supplies and materials, and miscellaneous fees shall be waived for students in out-of-home placements, as that term is defined by C.R.S. 22-32-138 (1)(h).

Fee schedule

The district shall prepare and make available upon request a complete list of student fees.

Parents shall be informed on the fee schedule or otherwise regarding how to apply for a waiver of fees, whether fees are voluntary or mandatory and the specific activity from which the student will be excluded if the fee is not paid. Students qualifying for a fee waiver will receive it without unnecessary embarrassment or public exposure of their need.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(u) *(free textbooks to indigent students w/o loss/damage deposit)*
C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(o) *(textbooks for free or reasonable rental fee)*
C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(jj) *(Board power to assess fines or fees for the return or replacement of textbooks, library resources or other school property)*
C.R.S. 22-32-113 (5) *(transportation of pupils and imposition of fee for excess transportation costs)*
C.R.S. 22-32-117 *(fees)*
C.R.S. 22-32-118 *(summer school fees)*
C.R.S. 22-32-138 (7) *(waiver of fees for students in out-of-home placements)*
C.R.S. 22-45-104 *(disposition of moneys collected from fines and fees)*

CROSS REFS.:

Board policies:

EL-9, Treatment of Students Parents and Community
EL-11, School Safety

Administrative policies:

EEA, Student Transportation
EFC, Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
JFABE*, Students in Foster Care
JJJ, Extracurricular Activity Eligibility

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Fees

General textbook and materials fees may be assessed upon student registration. These fees are directly allocated toward the funding of curricular textbooks, curricular technology resources, and materials. Unpaid general textbook and materials fees will not result in a child's inability to enroll in and attend school. Any fee paid to the school district will be allocated to the general textbook and materials fee first. Students will not be able to participate in extra-curricular activities (e.g., athletics, clubs, dances, etc.) until the general textbook and materials fee and all other miscellaneous fees are paid. For those families with a financial hardship, other options, such as a payment plan, are available by contacting the school office. If attempts to collect fees from the district are ignored, the fee balance may be forwarded to a collection agency for further collection processes. Students withdrawing from the district prior to October 1 of the school year may be eligible for a refund. No refunds will be offered after the October 1 date. In addition to general textbook and materials fees miscellaneous fees may be charged as identified below.

Elementary School Fees

General Textbook and Materials Fee	\$0 (per year, mandatory)
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Middle School Fees

Enrollment in any of the courses listed requires payment of the mandatory corresponding fee.

Department	Fee
Art	\$10.00
Band (Per Semester)	\$10.00
Choir (Per Semester)	\$10.00
Class Fees (Per Year)	\$5.00
STEM	\$10.00
Physical Education	\$5.00 (lock deposit)
Athletics Participation Fee	\$75.00 per sport, max of \$150 per year

High School Fees

Enrollment in any of the courses listed requires payment of the mandatory corresponding fee.

Course Fees		
Fees are subject to change each year.		
Department	Class	Fee Per Semester (unless otherwise noted)
Agriculture	Ag I	\$30.00
	Ag Business/Leadership	\$20.00
	Ag Mechanics I, II	\$30.00
	Ag Fabrication	\$30.00
	Horticulture Science	\$20.00
	Plant Science	\$20.00
	Animal Science	\$20.00
	Vet Science	\$20.00

Art	Foundations of Art	\$20.00
	3D Design	\$20.00
	Drawing	\$20.00
	Painting	\$20.00
	Studio Art	\$20.00
	Digital Photo 1, 2, 3	\$20.00
Consumer/Family Studies	Culinary Nutrition	\$20.00
	Catering	\$30.00
	Fashion Design/Clothing	\$20.00
Class Fees (Per Year)	All Grades	\$20.00
Engineering Technology	Drafting/Tech Drawing	\$10.00
Industrial Arts	Woods I	\$45.00 + cost of wood projects (per year)
	Woods II, III	\$30.00 + cost of wood projects (per year)
	Furniture and Cabinetry	\$30.00 + cost of wood projects (per year)
Music	Band Courses	\$10 (per semester)
	Music Technology	\$10 (per semester)
Physical Education	First Responder	\$30.00 Certification Fee (optional)
	All Physical Education	\$10.00
Science Classes	All Classes	\$10.00
Athletics Participation Fee	Per Sport (2 sport fee cap)	\$100
Activity/Club Participation Fee	Per Club (2 club fee cap)	\$25.00
NHS & Student Council		EXEMPT
Student Activity Pass	Per Year	\$30.00 (optional)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A cap is set in place to limit the number of sports that a student athlete must pay for in order to participate. This does not limit the number of sports that student may participate in, but rather puts a \$200 limit on athletic participation fees. All fees must be paid at the beginning of the school year or your student will not be able to participate in extracurricular activities and graduation/promotion ceremonies until fees are paid. Fees are assessed twice a year; the beginning of each semester. The fees are assessed according to the classes that students take during the semester. Please call the main office to arrange payments if necessary. 		

See annual student/parent handbook and/or course description book for the most current fee schedule.

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