



**POLICY NO. 6800
FEES FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

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The Board of Education shall provide free of charge to every student, instruction in an educational program sufficient to attain the generally acceptable standards for the course of studies and the educational resource materials to participate in the educational programs and attain that standard.

Legal Reference: The School Act, Section 82
School Board Fees Order

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REGULATIONS

1. Educational resource materials are material sources of knowledge or expertise that relate to education or educational programs. School supplies which the student owns and uses personally are not educational resource materials within the meaning of the Act.
2. This policy pertains to curricular programs only.
3. When a student, given the choice, chooses to use educational resource material and/or supplies that are different from that provided to attain the generally acceptable standards then it is appropriate for the student to be charged for that material.
4. Charging fees for expenses associated with field trips and activities of an enrichment nature such as a swimming program, a skiing program, or the Blue Lake Forestry Camp is acceptable however, no student should be denied participation due to inability to pay.
5. Deposits may be charged as a security for the safekeeping of educational resource materials provided to students. Deposits must be fully refunded on the return of the educational resource materials in good condition.
6. Each school is to establish policies and procedures to facilitate the participation of students who would not otherwise be able to participate in activities due to financial hardship.
7. Each school should submit a schedule of fees for the next school year to the School Board for approval by the end of May. Schools should then make available to students and parents a schedule of all student fees and deposits.