



POLICY 26 - INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCE FEES FOR OPTIONAL COURSES, PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES OR GOODS

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Background

The Board will provide at no cost to parent(s) or guardian(s) all required course textbooks and all required instructional resource materials except for those optional courses or optional programs, which the Board has directed the Superintendent to review annually according to Administrative Procedure 5105 Instructional Resource Fees for Optional Courses, Programs, Activities or Goods.

The Board will also provide at no cost to parent(s) or guardian(s) basic student supplies required for grades K-4 students.

Specific instructional resource fees for courses or programs which are optional for students to take and optional fees for specific activities or goods are allowed to be levied by schools to parent(s) or guardian(s) of students, subject to Administrative Procedure 5105 Instructional Resource Fees for Optional Courses, Programs, Activities or Goods.

Definitions

School Established Optional Course Fee: School Established Optional Course Fee is to recover the cost of course materials consumed by students but not course textbooks.

School Established Optional Program Fee: School Established Optional Program Fee is to recover the cost of offering the optional program. With the exception of the optional program fee for Prince of Peace School, Board established programs of choice (currently French Immersion and Christian programs) are not subject to an Optional Program Fee.

School Established Optional Fee: School Established Optional Fees are for services/materials which are optional to purchase. Examples include, but are not limited to gym strip, yearbook, flash drives, lunch supervision, field trips, photographs, recorders, computers, and headsets.

Division Established Optional Fee: Division Established Optional Fee is specific to a band instrument rental fee applicable to students registered in a band program who rent an instrument from the Division.

Legal Reference:

- School Act Sections 13, 30, 45, 51, 52, 53, 60, 61, and 113
- Funding Manual for School Authorities
- AP 5105 Instructional Resource Fees for Optional Courses, Programs, Activities or Goods