



## **POLICY 26 SCHOOL FEES**

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### **BACKGROUND**

The Board believes in providing a variety of learning opportunities in order to support the specific needs and interests of students and acknowledges the value of providing enhanced programming and experiences for students.

The Board recognizes that these enhanced opportunities often come at an additional cost and therefore, may charge fees to recover costs associated with enhanced learning experiences, extra-curricular, alternative programming, and/or providing goods or services to students.

The Board values transparency and accountability and has established guidelines for the charging and reporting of school fees.

### **GUIDELINES**

1. School fees shall be directly related to the cost of the resources consumed by the student or additional experiences and/or programming provided to the student.
2. School fees will only be used for the purpose collected and not used to fund other services or supplies.
3. On an annual basis, the Board shall approve fees proposed by schools. Fees that arise throughout the year shall be approved by the Superintendent only.
4. Before seeking Board approval for school fees, the Superintendent must ensure there has been consultation with parents that demonstrates the need to charge the fee.
5. A fee waiver and refund process shall be in place for school fees and details of these processes must be communicated annually to staff and parents/guardians.
6. Prior to the beginning of each school year, approved fee schedules will be posted on school websites.

### **SPECIFICALLY:**

7. Basic student supplies required for Kindergarten – Grade 4 students will be provided at no cost to parents/guardians.
8. Lunch time supervision will be provided by schools at no cost to parents/guardians.
9. General fees applicable to all students within a school are not permitted.



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10. Alternative Program fees are not applicable to French Immersion and Christian Programming (with the exception of Prince of Peace Lutheran School Alternative Program Fees).
11. International student fees will be set by the Superintendent.

### **Legal Reference:**

- Section 13, 19, 21, 23, 32, 33, 52, 53, 59, 68, 196, 197, 204, 222, 225, 257 Education Act
- School Fees Regulation