

530: SCHOOL FEES (P)

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POLICY

The Board recognizes that schools may not charge fees for goods and services required to meet the learning outcomes or assessment requirements of the schools' educational programs except as permitted by ministerial orders. The Board also believes that participation in activities by school age students resident in the school district must be facilitated where financial hardships exists.

REGULATIONS

1.0 COURSE FEES

Schools may charge fees for:

- 1.1 Materials used in goods that are intended for the student to take home for personal use, or as a gift;
- 1.2 The purchase of school supplies and equipment for a student's personal use such as paper, writing tools, calculators (excluding graphical calculators), student planners, exercise books and computer diskettes;
- 1.3 Food consumed as part of an educational program, e.g. Kindergarten snack, Home Economics;
- 1.4 The rental of musical instruments for the student's personal use;
- 1.5 An educational resource material deposit.

2.0 OTHER FEES

Schools may charge fees for:

- 2.1 The expenses associated with field trips or special events including transportation, accommodation, meals, entrance fees and equipment rental;
- 2.2 Yearbook and activity fees.

3.0 SUMMER SCHOOL FEES

The Board will, on an annual basis, establish fees for an optional summer school program.

4.0 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

Where students are unable to participate in activities due to financial hardships students and/or their parents or guardians may approach school administrators or counsellors to have the payment of fees waived.