

SECTION 400 – STUDENTS

STUDENT FEES & FINES

POLICY 440

ARTICLE 1 FEES

- A. Student fees shall be established by the Board of Education annually. The Board shall approve any proposed fee not shown on the established fee schedule before the fee is charged.
- B. Fees may include tuition as authorized by law, fees reasonably necessary and reasonably related to the actual cost of textbooks or expendable supplies not provided free of charge, and miscellaneous fees collected on a voluntary basis as a condition of participation or attendance at a school-sponsored activity or program not within the academic portion of the educational program. 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 his/her family's lack of funds.
- C. All fees and fines shall be waived for indigent students. For purposes of determining if a student is able to pay, an indigent student is defined as any child who is eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the federal poverty income guidelines. Principal's may also consider special family circumstances and determine the appropriateness of a fee or fine waiver.
- D. No fees may be charged as a condition of enrollment in school or as a condition of attendance in any course of study, instruction, or class. Fees may not be charged for any course of study, instruction, or class that satisfies the requirements of or transfers the skill, knowledge, or information necessary to meet the requirements of any such course taken for credit, promotion, or graduation except that fees may be charged for study, instruction or classes provided beyond the regular school day or calendar (e.g. summer school).
- E. Any collected fee shall be used for the purpose for which it was charged and in keeping with the purpose of the fee as stated by the Board of Education.
- F. Whenever a fee is authorized, notice shall be provided that indicates whether the fee is voluntary or mandatory and shall specify any activity from which the student shall be excluded if the fee is not paid.

ARTICLE 2 FINES

- A. Textbooks shall be provided on a loan basis to students. Students may be charged for the replacement cost for lost or damaged textbooks. Twenty percent of the original cost of a textbook is to be deducted for each year it has been used.
- B. Fines may be charged for library books not returned to the school library on the scheduled date. Students may also be charged for the replacement cost for lost or damaged library books and materials.

References:

C.R.S. 22-32-109 (u) Free Textbooks for Indigent Children and Others Whose Parents Refuse to Pay
C.R.S. 22-32-110(p) Power to Require Pupils to Possess Suitable Supplies
C.R.S. 22-32-117 Miscellaneous Fees
C.R.S. 22-32-118 Summer School and Evening Program Fees
C.R.S. 22-45-104 Fees Deposited No Later Than 10 days after Collection
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- C. Students may be assessed costs for replacement or repair of District facilities, furniture, equipment, or vehicles damaged through acts of vandalism.
- D. If a student is unable to pay fines, alternative payment methods, such as installment plans or school service may be used in lieu of full payment.
- E. If reasonable efforts have been made to obtain payment for lost or damaged textbooks, library books and materials, and/or other fines to no avail, the student's diploma, transcript or grades may be held. If a student is graduating, the District may deny the privilege of participation in the graduation ceremony if the student has failed to make payment.

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