

STUDENT FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES

Generally

Student fees and/or fines may be collected from students or their parents for parking permits, AP testing, and other materials, supplies or services. The Superintendent shall develop and maintain regulations governing the assessment, collection and utilization of student fees and/or fines. The Board of Education shall not charge a fee to a student who is eligible for a free lunch under the National School Lunch Act, as amended, and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended, for any materials needed to participate fully in a course of instruction. This does not apply to extracurricular activities or pupil enrichment programs and any other activities that are not a course of instruction.

Students who cause damage to school property shall be subject to disciplinary measures, and their parents shall be financially liable for such damage to the extent of the law, except that students over eighteen (18) years of age shall also be liable for damage they cause.

The Board authorizes the imposition of fines for the loss, damage or destruction of school equipment, apparatus, musical instruments, library material, textbooks, and for damage to school buildings. All fees and fines must be paid by the last day of school. The Board reserves the right to withhold a report card or credits from any student whose payment of a fine or fee is in arrears, and the Board may report to the appropriate juvenile authorities any student whose damage of school property has been serious or chronic in nature. Damage to school equipment, textbooks, and other property shall be charged according to the current market value to repair or replace the item. All fines and fees collected will be sent to the Treasurer for deposit in the general fund of the Board.

When school property, equipment or supplies are damaged, lost or taken by individuals, a fine equal to the replacement cost will be assessed. The Board considers such a fine to be reasonable as it compensates the school for the expense or loss incurred.

The District shall not withhold the grades, credits, official transcripts, diploma, IEPs, or 504 plans of a student for nonpayment of fees for materials used in a course of instruction if a complaint has been filed at any time in a juvenile court alleging that the student is an abused, neglected, or dependent child or if the student has been adjudicated an abused, neglected, or dependent child. The Board shall require that the grades, credits, official transcripts, IEPs, or 504 plan of a student described in this paragraph be transferred immediately upon the receipt of either another district's or school's request for those records under O.R.C. §3313.672 or a juvenile judge's order under O.R.C. §2151.272.

Indigent Students

The Superintendent shall establish a method to determine indigent students of families in serious financial need by the use of an application such as the one used in the lunchroom.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §3313.642

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