

STUDENT FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES

Generally

Student fees and/or fines shall be collected from students or their parents for instructional materials, supplies or services. The Superintendent shall develop and maintain regulations governing the assessment, collection and utilization of student fees and/or fines.

Students enrolled in the Toronto City Schools will be furnished with basic textbooks without cost; however, a fee for consumable materials and supplies used in the instructional program will be established at the beginning of each school year and approved by the Board of Education and may vary as the cost of materials and supplies fluctuate. Such fees are to be deposited in the rotary operating funds of the Board to defray the costs of materials and supplies.

Fees for consumable materials, equipment or supplies shall be paid by students prior to receiving the materials. A letter informing parents of this requirement will be distributed to parents through the students on the opening day of school. These fees, as well as any fines that occur throughout the year, are the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Fees should be paid by October 31 each year.

The Board 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 any materials needed to enable a student to participate fully in extra-curricular activities or in any pupil enrichment programs that are not a course of instruction; or to any tools, equipment, and materials that are necessary for workforce-readiness training within a career-technical education program that, to the extent the tools, equipment, and materials are not consumed, but may be retained by the student upon course completion.

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.

Admission Fees

Reasonable fees may be collected for admission to athletic contests, school plays, concerts and other school programs held outside school hours.

Class and Membership Dues

Approved student organizations and classes (freshman, sophomore, etc.) may assess their members' dues that shall not exceed an amount approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Library Fines

Students may be assessed fines for overdue library books. They may be required to pay for damage to or misuse or loss of library books, magazines and other library materials.

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.

Enforcement

Failure to pay fines or fees will result in the withholding of grades, credits, and academic schedules. All fines collected will be sent to the Treasurer for deposit in the general fund of the Board.