

## **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 are required to pay for all supplementary workbooks, papers, and magazines, which their individual classroom teachers deem necessary in their teaching. Students are required to pay laboratory and shop fees in the courses which require them by the last day of a grading period.

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.

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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