

STUDENT FEES, FINES AND CHARGES

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the assessment of student fees, fines and charges.

The board recognizes that the district generally may charge student fees to offset the cost of educational materials and supplies. The district will not, however, charge fees to students who are eligible for free lunches and will reduce the fees charged to students eligible for reduced price lunches on a pro rata basis. The district will not deny any student a basic education because of his/her failure to pay these supplementary charges.

All instructional fees must be approved by the superintendent on an annual basis. Upon his/her approval, fee information will be disseminated to parents/legal guardians in an appropriate manner by the schools and to the media by the district office.

The superintendent or his/her designee will work with principals to establish the requisite controls to ensure that school fees are uniform throughout the district. All fees collected will be handled in accordance with board policies and regulations and district financial procedures.

Fines and charges

Parents of students are responsible for all outstanding balances accrued by their child. All outstanding balances for money owed will be carried over from one school year to the next. Non-academic privileges may be withheld from students who have outstanding balances. Parents and students owing outstanding balances are encouraged to discuss payment options with the school administrator or bookkeeper. A record of student debt will be provided to parents. Outstanding balances include money owed for, but not limited to: fund raisers, lost or damaged books or other school materials, damages to school property, food service accounts, any costs associated with a school event or activity.

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Legal references:

A. S.C. Code of Laws:

1. Section 59-19-90(8) - General powers and duties of school trustees; charge matriculation and incidental fees.