Lower Merion School District

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INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES
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110 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES

The Board enacts this policy to clarify the District's responsibility to provide appropriate and adequate supplies for the educational program.

"Instructional supplies" are tools and materials that are required by the schools for students' participation in the course of study; for example, paper for the writing program, paint for the art program and basketballs for the physical education program.

Instructional supplies needed to implement the District's educational program shall be provided to teachers and students by the District typically at no cost to the student. In cases where students are permitted to keep items they have made, the students may be required to pay for the materials that were used, for example, calculators. Furthermore, in some courses and co-curricular activities, students may be permitted or required to provide certain supplies or apparel.

The Superintendent shall determine what instructional supplies must be provided by the District. After consultation with appropriate staff and parents, the Superintendent may approve requirements that students pay for specific supplies. The Superintendent or designee shall implement procedures to assure that no student is denied participation in the school program for financial reasons; these procedures shall guard the privacy of each student and their family's financial condition.

The Superintendent shall establish budgeting and purchasing procedures that assure timely participation by professional staff in selecting instructional supplies for use in their areas of expertise.

School Code §801