

**SCHOOL FEES NOTICE
FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SIXTH GRADES**

[IF YOU NEED HELP IN UNDERSTANDING THIS LETTER, CALL 801-402-1300]

The Utah Constitution prohibits the charging of fees in elementary schools. That means that if your child is in kindergarten through grade six (unless your child is in grade six and attends a school that includes one or more 7-12 grades), you cannot be charged for textbooks, classroom equipment or supplies, musical instruments, field trips, assemblies, snacks (other than food provided through the School Lunch Program), or for anything else that takes place or is used during the regular school day.

If you wish to purchase school pictures, yearbooks, or similar items through the school, those costs are not fees and will not be waived. Also, if your student loses or damages school property, the costs of replacement or repair are not fees and need not be waived.

Federal law permits schools to charge for food or milk provided as part of the School Lunch Program. If you cannot afford to pay, you may be eligible for free or reduced price meals or milk. Your school will give you information about applying for free or reduced price meals and milk. **All information which you provide in your application will be kept confidential.**

State law and State Board of Education rules **do not permit schools to charge fees for anything that takes place during the regular school day** unless your child is in grade six and attends a school that includes one or more 7-12 grades! Fees may only be charged for programs offered before or after school, or during school vacations. *If your child is eligible based on income verification or receives SSI payments (QUALIFIED CHILD WITH DISABILITIES), or if you are receiving TANF (currently qualified for financial assistance or food stamps) or if the child was placed in your home by the government as a foster child, the school must waive the fees.* If you are having a financial emergency caused by job loss, major illness, or other substantial loss of income beyond your control, you **might** be eligible for a waiver even if other eligibility criteria are not met. **If your local school board/charter school allows your school to charge fees, a Fee Waiver Application (Grades K-6) is enclosed.** Your school will give you additional information about fee waivers if you ask.

School funds are limited, and your school may need help. As a result, **the school may ask you for tax-deductible donations of school supplies, equipment, or money**, but the school **cannot require donations** or tell anyone else the names of those who have or have not made donations (except that the school may honor those who make major donations). **No child may be penalized for not making a donation.** For example, if donations are used to pay for a field trip, every child must be allowed to go on the trip even though some may not have made a donation.

State law requires schools or school districts to require **DOCUMENTATION** of fee waiver eligibility if parent must "apply for fee waivers." Local/charter boards will have policies and/or guidelines for determining eligibility for fee waivers.

School district/school administrators shall request documentation of fee waiver eligibility from those who apply for fee waivers if fees or charges are required for non-regular school day activities, such as after-school music or foreign language programs or Friday ski programs.

Fee waiver eligibility documentation is NOT required annually. Also, documentation shall NOT be maintained for privacy reasons. Schools may transfer fee waiver eligibility information to other schools to which students advance or transfer.

NOTE: If your district/school does not require parents in the entire district area or parents and students in

specific schools or sections of the district to "apply for fee waivers," district administrators NEED NOT require verification of eligibility under this section.

If you have questions, first talk to your school or school district representative listed below. If you still need help, contact one of the other agencies listed:

School telephone no.: 8014021300
Ask for: Teresa Beauregard
District telephone no.: _____
Ask for: _____

Utah State Board of Education
250 East 500 South
P.O. Box 144200
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4200
801-538-7830

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ANUNCIO ESPECIAL PARA LOS PADRES DE LOS NIÑOS
ENTRE JARDÍN DE INFANTES Y SEXTO GRADO

PADRES

NO SE PERMITE COBRAR CUOTAS ESCOLARES DURANTE EL DÍA REGULAR DE CLASE A LOS ESTUDIANTES ENTRE JARDÍN DE INFANTES Y SEXTO GRADO. Se les cobrará cuotas a los alumnos de sexto grado sólo si el estudiante asiste a una escuela que incluya los grados del séptimo al doceavo. **No le pueden cobrar** por snacks que sirvan en el aula, periódicos, libros de texto, excursiones/salidas escolares, materiales de arte, asambleas, instrumentos musicales o cualquier otra cosa que sea parte de un día regular de clase.

SE LE PUEDE PEDIR A SU HIJO(A) que lleve a la escuela artículos comunes del hogar, pero no puede ser penalizado si nos los lleva.

LAS CUOTAS ESCOLARES PUEDEN COBRARSE SOLAMENTE PARA CUBRIR ACTIVIDADES QUE SE LLEVEN A CABO ANTES O DESPUÉS DEL HORARIO ESCOLAR O DURANTE LAS VACACIONES ESCOLARES. Si se cobran ese tipo de cuotas y usted recibe "Asistencia temporal para familias necesitadas" (TANF, por su sigla en inglés) (si actualmente califica para recibir ayuda financiera o estampillas de comida), o si su hijo(a) es elegible en base a la verificación de los ingresos y recibe "Ingreso suplementario de seguridad" SSI (NIÑO DISCAPACITADO QUE CUMPLE CON LOS REQUISITOS), o está bajo la custodia del Estado de Utah o de una agencia local del gobierno o en cuidado tutelar, su hijo(a) califica para la **exención del pago de cuotas** (esto significa que usted no tendrá que pagar las cuotas).

Si su distrito escolar o escuela chárter le exige que solicite una exención del pago de las cuotas, de conformidad con las normas y/o pautas del consejo local y del tiempo límite establecido por la escuela, se le pedirá que presente documentos que comprueben que usted reúne los requisitos para la exención del pago de las cuotas.

Su hijo(a) también puede ser elegible para la exención el pago de las cuotas si su familia está pasando por dificultades financieras serias debido a circunstancias que van más allá de su control, aun cuando no cumplan

con los otros requisitos. Si su hijo(a) reúne los requisitos para la exención del pago de las cuotas, se le eximirá de pagar **TODAS** las cuotas.

SE PERMITE HACER DONACIONES, pero no se le exigirá a ningún niño o a ninguna familia que haga una donación, y los nombres de los que hagan donaciones o no las hagan se deben mantener confidenciales (salvo que se dará un reconocimiento especial a aquellos que hagan una donación significativa).

Ninguna escuela podrá subir, bajar o retener calificaciones, libretas de calificaciones o registros escolares para imponer el pago de cuotas. Una escuela puede retener los registros oficiales de un estudiante que sea responsable de la pérdida o daño de la propiedad escolar, de acuerdo con la Sección 53A-11-806. Sin embargo, no puede retener los registros de un estudiante que podrían impedir que un estudiante asista a la escuela o sea designado a una escuela de forma adecuada.

Para obtener más información, sírvase ponerse en contacto con:

Su escuela al: 801-402-1300
Su distrito al: _____

a la agencia siguiente:

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Special Notice for Parents of Children in Grades K-6 - Spanish