

The District shall provide an educational program for the students as free of costs as possible.

The Superintendent or designee may approve the use of supplementary supplies or materials for which a charge is made to the student, so long as the charge does not exceed the cost of the supplies or materials. Students are free to purchase them elsewhere, or provide reasonable alternatives, and a proper accounting is made of all moneys received by staff for supplies and materials.

The Board delegates authority to the Superintendent or designee to establish appropriate fees and procedures governing the collection of such fees and to make annual reports to the Board regarding fee schedules. Arrangements will be made for the waiver or reduction of fees for students who families, by reason of their low income, would have difficulty paying the full fee. For programs governed by the National School Lunch Act, the USDA Child Nutrition Program guidelines will be used to determine qualification for waiver. The superintendent or designee will establish a procedure for annually notifying parents of the availability of fee waivers and reductions, including eligibility information for free or reduce-price meals.

A student will be responsible for the cost of replacing materials or property which are lost or damaged due to negligence. A student's diploma may be withheld until restitution is made by payment or the equivalency through voluntary community service. In addition, high school seniors must clear all fines and make payment for all fees by June 1 of each calendar year in order to participate in graduation activities and the graduation ceremony. The student or his/her parents may appeal the imposition of a charge for damages to the Superintendent or designee and the Board.

The student and his/her parents will be notified regarding the nature of the violation or damage, how restitution may be made and how an appeal may be instituted. When the damages or fines do not exceed \$100, the student or his/her parents will have the right to an informal conference with the principal. As is the case for appealing a short-term suspension, the principal's decision may be appealed to the Superintendent or designee and to the Board. When damages are in excess of \$100, the appeal process for long-term suspension shall apply.

Legal References: 42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq. McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act  
 RCW 28A.220.040 Fiscal Support – Reimbursement to school districts – Enrollment fees – Deposit  
 RCW 28A.225.330 Enrolling students from other districts – Requests for information and permanent  
 Records – Withheld transcripts – Immunity from liability – Notification to teachers and security  
 Personnel – Rules

AGO 1965-66, #113 Districts – Schools - Fees—  
 Tuition--Supplies--  
 Authority of School Districts to Charge Tuition Fees or Textbook Fees  
 AGO 1973, No. 11 Districts – Schools -Tuition and Fees--  
 Authority of School Districts to Charge Various Fees  
 RCW 28A.320.230(f) Instructional Materials--  
 Instructional Materials  
 Committee

RCW 28A.330.100 Additional Powers of Board  
 RCW 28A.635.060 Defacing or Injuring School Property--  
 Liability of Pupil, Parent or Guardian  
 Withholding grades, diplomas or transcript – Suspension and restitution  
 Voluntary work program as alternative – Rights protected

RCW 28A.220.040 Fiscal Support--Reimbursement to School Districts--Enrollment Fees--Deposit

RCW 28A.635.060 Defacing or Injuring School Property--  
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