

STUDENT FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES

The School Committee recognizes the need for student fees to fund certain school activities. At the same time, the Committee also recognizes that some students may not be able to pay these fees. Families may request a payment plan or fee reduction by submitting a written appeal for fee assistance to their child's school principal (or their designee).

A school may exact a fee or charge only upon School Committee approval. Without School Committee approval, a school may:

- Charge students enrolled in certain courses for the cost of materials used in projects that will become the property of the student.
- Charge for lost and damaged books, materials, supplies, and equipment.

Economically disadvantaged students are not exempt from charges for lost and damaged books, locks, materials, supplies, uniforms and equipment.

All required and optional student fees/charges assessed by Weymouth Public Schools, including fees associated with extracurricular activities, athletics, academic classes, class dues, field trips, and instrument rentals, will be published annually and posted on school webpages. In addition to anticipated fees, published fee schedules will include a list of the materials, experience(s), and/or service(s) covered by each fee, as well as instructions for completing the fee assistance appeal process.

During the academic year, any immediate updates to student fees/charges that occur due to unforeseen circumstances will be communicated to impacted families via the school message notification system and appropriate school website(s) within 48 hours of the Superintendent (or designee) and the School Committee, (if applicable) approving a fee change.

Permissible penalties for non-payment of fees include the loss of privilege to participate in extracurricular activities. All outstanding debts must be resolved (payment, payment plan or waiver) in order for students to participate in any extracurricular activities.