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1. The Board of Trustees of Gulfport School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent to charge reasonable fees, but not more than the actual cost, for the following:
  - a. Supplemental instructional materials and supplies, excluding textbooks;
  - b. Other fees designated by the Superintendent as fees related to a valid curriculum educational objective, including transportation; and
  - c. Extracurricular activities and any other educational activities of the District which are not designated by the Superintendent as valid curriculum educational objectives, such as band trips and athletic events.
2. All fees authorized to be charged under this policy, except those fees authorized under subsection (1) (c) of this policy, will be charged only upon the condition that a financial hardship waiver may be granted upon request pursuant to the following.

#### FINANCIAL HARDSHIP WAIVER POLICY

All fees authorized to be charged under subsections (a) and (b) of the Fee Policy above will be charged only upon the following conditions:

1. Applications for hardship waivers will be kept in the strictest of confidence with all files and personal disclosures restricted from review by the general public.
2. Pupils eligible to have any such fee waived as a result of an inability to pay for said fees, will not be discriminated against nor will there be any overt identification of any pupil who has received a financial hardship waiver by use of special tokens or tickets, announcements, posting or publication of names, physical separation, choice of materials or by any other means.
3. In no case will any of Gulfport School District's procedures expose any pupil receiving a hardship waiver to any type stigma or ridicule by other pupils or District personnel.
4. The confidentiality provisions of this policy will apply equally to any students who have an inability to pay any fees authorized under section (c) of the Fee Policy above.

In no case will the inability to pay the assessment of fees authorized under the provisions of the Fee Policy above result in a pupil being denied or deprived of any academic awards or standards, any class selection, grade, diploma, transcript or the right to participate in any activity related to educational advancement.

The Superintendent will establish administrative procedures consistent with this policy for its implementation and duplicate the attached form for use by applicants.