Billings School District 2

STUDENTS

Student Fees, Fines, and Charges

Within the concept of free public education, the District will provide an educational program for students as free of costs as possible.

The Board may charge a student a reasonable fee for any course or activity not reasonably related to a recognized academic and educational goal of the District or for any course or activity taking place outside normal school functions. The Board may waive fees in cases of financial hardship.

The Board delegates authority to the Superintendent to establish appropriate fees and procedures governing collection of fees and asks the Superintendent to make annual reports to the Board regarding fee schedules. The Board also may require fees for the actual cost of breakage and for excessive supplies used in commercial, industrial arts, music, domestic science, science, or agriculture courses.

The District holds a student responsible for the cost of replacing materials or property that are lost or damaged because of negligence. A building administrator will notify a student and parent regarding the nature of violation or damage, how restitution may be made, and how an appeal may be instituted. The District may withhold a student's grades or diploma until restitution is made. A student or parent may appeal the imposition of a charge for damages to the Superintendent and to the Board.

Cross References: 3606 Transfer of Student Records

Legal References:

§ 20-5-201, MCA	Duties and sanctions
§ 20-7-601, MCA	Free textbook provisions
§ 20-9-214, MCA	Fees

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