Fees and Charges

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The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to ensure that books, materials, equipment, supplies, and other resources necessary for students' participation in the district's educational program are made available to students at no cost.

No student shall be required to pay any fees, deposits, or other charges for participation in an educational activity which constitutes an integral fundamental part of the district's educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities.

As necessary, the Board may approve fees, deposits, and other charges which are specifically authorized by law. When approving such fees, deposits, or charges, establishing fee schedules, or determining whether waivers or exceptions should be granted, the Board shall consider relevant data, including the socio-economic conditions of district students' families and their ability to pay.

The prohibition against student fees shall not restrict the district from soliciting for donations, participating in fundraising activities, or providing prizes or other recognition for participants in such activities and events. The Superintendent or designee shall emphasize that participation of students, parents/guardians, district employees, volunteers, or educational or civic organizations in such activities and events is voluntary. The district shall not offer or award to a student any course credit or privileges related to educational activities in exchange for voluntary donations or participation in fundraising activities by or on behalf of the student. The district shall not remove or threaten to remove from a student any course credit or privileges related to educational activities, or otherwise discriminate against the student, due to a lack of voluntary donations or participation in fundraising activities by or on behalf of the student.

The Superintendent or designee may provide information or professional development opportunities to administrators, teachers, and other personnel regarding permissible fees.

Complaints

A complaint alleging district noncompliance with the prohibition against requiring student fees, deposits, or other charges shall be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in Board Rule 1312.3-Uniform Complaint Procedures.

If, upon investigation, the district finds merit in the complaint, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend, and the Board shall adopt an appropriate remedy to be provided to all affected students and parents/guardians in accordance with Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 4600, 5 CCR 4600.

Information related to the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees for participation in an educational activity shall be included in the district's annual notification of uniform complaint procedures to be provided to all students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 4622.

Collection of Debt

The Superintendent or designee shall, in accordance with law, recover any debt owed to the district as a result of unpaid permissible student fees approved by the Board. However, the district shall not bill a current

or former student for accumulated debt, nor take negative action against a student or former student because of such debt, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

1. Denying full credit for any class assignment
2. Denying full and equal participation in any classroom activity
3. Denying access to the library or other on-campus educational facilities
4. Denying or withholding grades or transcripts
5. Denying or withholding a diploma
6. Limiting or barring participation in an extracurricular activity, club, or sport
7. Limiting or excluding the student from participation in an educational activity, field trip, or school ceremony

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Policy Reference Disclaimer:
These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

Legal References:

STATE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
5 CCR 350 Fees not permitted
5 CCR 4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures and Williams complaints
CA Constitution Article 9, Section 5 - Common school system
EDUCATION CODE
17453.1 District sale or lease of Internet appliances or personal computers to parents of students
17551 Property fabricated by students
19910-19911 Offenses against libraries
32033 Eye protective devices
32221 Insurance for athletic team member
32390 Voluntary program for fingerprinting students
35330-35332 Field trips
35335 School camp programs
38080-38086.1 Cafeteria establishment and use
38120 Use of school band equipment on excursions to foreign countries
39801.5 Transportation for adults
39807.5 Payment of transportation costs by parents
39837 Transportation to summer employment program
42238.02 Local Control Funding Formula
46120 Expanded learning opportunities
48050 Residents of adjoining states
48052 Tuition for foreign residents
48904 Liability of parent or guardian; withholding of grades, diplomas, transcripts
49010-49013 Student fees
49014 Public School Fair Debt Collection Act
49065 Reasonable charge for transcripts
49066 Grades; effect of physical education class apparel
49091.14 Parental review of curriculum
49501.5 California Universal Meals Program
49557.5 Child Hunger Prevention and Fair Treatment Act of 2017
51810-51815 Community service classes
52612 Tuition for adult classes
52613 Nonimmigrant foreign nationals
56504 School records; students with disabilities
60410 Books for adult classes
8211 Priority for full-day programs

8213 Income eligible; definition
8252-8254 Early childhood education family fees
8263 Eligibility and priorities for subsidized child development services
8420-8428 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment Program for Teens
8760-8774 Outdoor science, conservation, and forestry programs
GOVERNMENT CODE
7922.530 Request for a Public Record

MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATION
Summer School, Third Parties, and Tuition Fees, Fiscal Management Advisory 22-01, September 1, 2022
Pupil Fees, Deposits, and Other Charges, Fiscal Management Advisory 20-01, July 23, 2020
COURT DECISION
CTA v. Glendale School District Board of Education (1980) 109 Cal. App. 3d 738
Driving School Assn of CA v. San Mateo Union HSD (1992) 11 Cal. App. 4th 1513
Hartzell v. Connell (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899
Steffes v. California Interscholastic Federation (1986) 176 Cal. App. 3d 739
Arcadia Unified School District v. California Department of Education (1992) 2 Cal. 4th 251
WEBSITES
CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services https://legalservices.csba.org/#
California Department of Education http://www.cde.ca.gov/
CSBA http://www.csba.org/#

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