

Business and Noninstructional Operations

FEES AND CHARGES

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

No student shall be required to pay a fee, deposit, or other charge for participation in an educational activity which constitutes an integral fundamental part of the district's educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities. (Education Code 49010, 49011; 5 CCR 350)

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 socioeconomic conditions of students' families and their ability to pay.

The prohibition against student fees shall not prevent the district from soliciting for donations, conducting 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 also 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 BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 49013)

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 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 5 CCR 4622. (Education Code 49013)

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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: (Education Code 49014)

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

Legal Reference:

<u>State</u>	<u>Description</u>
5 CCR 350	Fees not permitted
5 CCR 4600-4687	Uniform complaint procedures and Williams complaints
CA Constitution Article 9, Section 5	<u>Common school system</u>
Ed. Code 17453.1	<u>District sale or lease of Internet appliances or personal computers to parents of students</u>
Ed. Code 17551	<u>Property fabricated by students</u>
Ed. Code 19910-19911	<u>Offenses against libraries</u>
Ed. Code 32033	<u>Eye protective devices</u>
Ed. Code 32221	<u>Insurance for athletic team member</u>
Ed. Code 32390	<u>Voluntary program for fingerprinting students</u>
Ed. Code 35330-35332	<u>Field trips</u>
Ed. Code 35335	<u>School camp programs</u>
Ed. Code 38080-38086.1	<u>Cafeteria establishment and use</u>

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State

Ed. Code 38120	Use of school band equipment on excursions to foreign countries
Ed. Code 39801.5	Transportation for adults
Ed. Code 39807.5	Payment of transportation costs by parents
Ed. Code 39837	Transportation to summer employment program
Ed. Code 42238.02	Local Control Funding Formula
Ed. Code 46120	Expanded learning opportunities
Ed. Code 48050	Residents of adjoining states
Ed. Code 48052	Tuition for foreign residents
Ed. Code 48904	Liability of parent or guardian; withholding of grades, diplomas, transcripts
Ed. Code 49010-49013	Student fees
Ed. Code 49014	Public School Fair Debt Collection Act
Ed. Code 49065	Reasonable charge for transcripts
Ed. Code 49066	Grades; effect of physical education class apparel
Ed. Code 49091.14	Parental review of curriculum
Ed. Code 49501.5	California Universal Meals Program
Ed. Code 49557.5	Child Hunger Prevention and Fair Treatment Act of 2017
Ed. Code 51810-51815	Community service classes
Ed. Code 52612	Tuition for adult classes
Ed. Code 52613	Nonimmigrant foreign nationals
Ed. Code 56504	School records; students with disabilities
Ed. Code 60410	Books for adult classes
Ed. Code 8211	Priority for full-day programs
Ed. Code 8213	Income eligible; definition
Ed. Code 8252-8254	Early childhood education family fees
Ed. Code 8263	Eligibility and priorities for subsidized child development services
Ed. Code 8420-8428	21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment Program for Teens
Ed. Code 8760-8774	Outdoor science, conservation, and forestry programs
Gov. Code 7922.530	Request for a Public Record

Federal

8 USC 1184

Management Resources

California Department of
Education Publication
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Court Decision

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Foreign students

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[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
CTA v. Glendale School District Board of Education (1980) 109 Cal. App. 3d 738

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Court Decision	Driving School Assn of CA v. San Mateo Union HSD (1992) 11 Cal. App. 4th 1513
Court Decision	Hartzell v. Connell (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899
Court Decision	Steffes v. California Interscholastic Federation (1986) 176 Cal. App. 3d 739
Court Decision	Arcadia Unified School District v. California Department of Education, (1992) 2 Cal. 4th 251
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	California Department of Education
Website	CSBA

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Westminster, California

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