STUDENTS

Fees/Materials/Deposits/Reimbursements

A. Generally

1. Fees and charges approved by the School Board

No fees or charges may be levied on students except when approved by the School Board and when specifically permitted by law or the regulations of the Virginia Board of Education or the General Assembly.

a. The School Board will annually adopt a schedule of fees and charges for students.

b. Such schedule will include provisions for reducing or waiving fees or charges as well as the consequences for nonpayment of fees. The schedule may refer to policies, regulations or guidelines that address such matters.

c. Eligible students, parents/legal guardians of minor students will be ~~provided~~ informed of the fee schedule annually and the fee schedule will be posted on the School Division's website. Such notice will include that a fee waiver may be requested and the directions for how to apply for a waiver.

2. **Financial assistance or waiver for students and families**

The Superintendent or designee is~~are~~ authorized to provide financial assistance or waiver of fees and charges when students or families may not have the financial means to pay fees or charges. At the discretion of the Superintendent/designee and consistent with applicable law, policy or regulation, all students and families may be exempted from fees and charges when doing so will promote an equitable and inclusive opportunity for all students and families.

3. **Fees and charges for voluntary school and extracurricular activities**

Students may be charged for their participation in school activities or extracurricular activities of a voluntary nature if fees or charges are approved by the School Board. Before recommending a fee or charge for voluntary school activities or extracurricular activities, the school administrator will consider the impact that such fee or charge may have on the inclusivity and equity opportunity for students.

4. **Prohibited actions based on nonpayment of fees or charges**

a. A student may not be suspended or expelled or have scholastic report cards, diplomas, or class schedules withheld because of nonpayment of fees or charges.

b. A student may not be denied a school provided meal based on inability to pay or unpaid prior meal fees or charges. The Superintendent or designee is authorized to take actions to collect unpaid meal fees or charges consistent with applicable law.

B. Admission Fees and Charges

Reasonable fees and charges may be collected for admission to athletic contests, student performances that are open to the public and other programs sponsored by the school.

C. Voluntary Class and Membership Dues

Approved student organizations and classes may assess their members voluntary class or membership dues. The principal or executive director for the school or program will specify the kinds of programs and activities that class or membership dues can be used for. These dues shall not exceed an amount approved by the principal or executive director and will take into consideration the impact that such dues may have on the inclusivity and equity opportunities for students.

D. Lockers and Locks

A fee may be charged for the use of school lockers. All locks on school lockers must be approved by the school administrator.

E. Library/Media Center Fines

Students may be assessed reasonable fines for overdue, damaged or lost books, materials, and equipment from the Library/Media Center. The principal or executive director may waive or reduce the fines. Students will not be assessed for reasonable wear and tear of such items.

F. Material Charges and Rentals

1. Classroom Materials

Students may be required to purchase or rent materials other than instructional materials used in a class.

2. Musical instruments or personal attire

~~2.~~ Students may be required to purchase or rent musical instruments, so long as the instruction in the use of the musical instruments is not part of the required curriculum. Students may be assessed a fee for ~~and~~ personal attire for voluntary participation in organizations sponsored by the school.

G. Fees for Classes and Programs

Persons attending adult education programs, night school, summer school, postgraduate classes or behind-the-wheel phase of driver education may be charged a fee approved by the School Board.

H. Field Trip Fees and Charges

Students may be charged for transportation and admission fees for cultural, enrichment programs or extracurricular activities when:

1. Participation is voluntary.

2. Participation is not required for any course of study.

3. The activity is of a type authorized ~~.~~by policy or regulation and approved by the principal as a qualifying activity.

4. The trip or program is not covered by an activity fund.

5. The funds are available to pay for those students who are financially unable to pay the fee and have expressed the intent to otherwise participate.

I. Textbooks and other educational materials

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations regarding payment for lost or damaged or additional textbooks, other educational materials and supplementary materials. Students may be assessed a fee for consumable materials, such as workbooks writing books, drawing books, and fine arts materials. Supplies provided to students who are not able to afford such items may have the fee waived or reduced. Additionally, no fee may be charged for instructional materials, textbooks, or other materials that are not directly used by students.

Legal Reference

Code of Virginia § 22.1-6, as amended. Permitted fees and charges.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-79.71:1, as amended. School meals; availability to students.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-176, as amended. Transportation of pupils authorized; when fee may be charged; contributions; regulations of Board of Education.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-280~~,~~.4, as amended. School Board action regarding destruction of property.

~~Code of Virginia § 22.1-276, as amended. Liability of pupils for destruction of property.~~

Virginia Board of Education Regulations 8VAC20-720-80, as amended. Student fees and charges.

Related Links

Link to Annual Fee Schedule

School Board **Policy 6-28**

School Board **Policy 6-56**

School Board **Regulation 5-69.2**

School Board **Regulation 6-56.1**

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