

Board of Education
School District 54 (*Bulkley Valley*)

SCHOOL FEES

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POLICY

In accordance with the *School Act, School Regulation and Ministerial Orders*, the Board of Education shall provide free of charge, to school age students, resident in the school district and enrolled in one of its schools:

- a) instruction in an educational program sufficient to meet general graduation requirements, including instruction after graduation for students still of school age and,
- b) educational resource materials necessary for participation in the educational program.

The Board shall ensure that no student of school age is excluded from participation in a course, class or program because of financial hardship.

The Board shall ensure that a schedule of fees and deposits required is published prior to the beginning of the school year and is available to students and parents/guardians.

Reference:

1. School Act (Sections 82-82.4 and 168 (2) (j))
2. Ministerial Order M236/07, as amended
3. Regulation 265/89, as amended

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REGULATIONS:

- 1.0 Schools may charge fees:
 - 1.1 To defray non-instructional costs to operate specialty academies, or costs that are in addition to the costs of providing a regular education program;
 - 1.2 For the purchase or rental of musical instruments for a student's personal use;
 - 1.3 For the purchase or rental of tools, materials or equipment for a student's personal use in trades training or apprenticeship programs;
 - 1.4 For the purchase of paper, writing tools, student planners, exercise books, computer media and other school supplies and equipment for a student's personal use.

- 2.0 A Board shall not charge fees in respect of field trip or special event expenses except for expenses including transportation, accommodation, meals, entrance fees and equipment rental. *(Fees only allowed for field trips that are optional, special events not required to meet learning outcomes or assessment requirements.)*

- 3.0 Students must be afforded the opportunity to participate in school programs or activities in cases where there is an inability to pay a fee.
 - 3.1 Each school principal is directed to ensure that a process is in place at the school to facilitate the participation of students who would not otherwise be able to participate in activities due to financial hardship.
 - 3.2 The process and its implementation should ensure fairness, be respectful of the individuals and preserve the dignity and confidentiality of the individuals and families involved.

- 4.0 All school fees listed in 1.0 to be charged by schools must be approved by the Board of Education not later than May 31 for the following year and publicized by the school.

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