

STUDENT FEES AND FINES

The Board of Education offers a wide range of courses for its students, and has determined it to be necessary to establish charges to students. The Board shall approve such fees on an annual basis. If the Board determines that a student is in serious financial need, it may choose to provide any or all such materials free of charge.

The Board shall not charge a fee to a student who is eligible for a free lunch under the National School Lunch Act, as amended, and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended, for any materials needed to participate fully in a course of instruction. This does not apply to any materials needed to enable a student to participate fully in extra-curricular activities or in any pupil enrichment programs that are not a course of instruction or to any tools, equipment, or materials that are necessary for workforce-readiness training within a career-technical education program to the extent that the tools, equipment, and materials are not consumed but may be retained by the student upon course completion.

Students who cause damage to school property shall be subject to disciplinary measures, and their parents shall be financially liable for such damage to the extent of the law, except that students over eighteen (18) years of age shall also be liable for damage they cause.

The Board authorizes the imposition of fines for the loss, damage or destruction of school equipment, apparatus, musical instruments, library material, textbooks, and for damage to school buildings and reserves the right to withhold a report card or credits from any student whose payment of such fine is in arrears and the Board may report to the appropriate juvenile authorities any student whose damage of school property has been serious or chronic in nature. Damage to school equipment, textbooks, and other property shall be charged according to the current market value to repair or replace the item.

The District shall not withhold the grades, credits, official transcripts, diploma, IEPs, or 504 plans of a student for nonpayment of fees for materials used in a course of instruction if a complaint has been filed at any time in a juvenile court alleging that the student is an abused, neglected, or dependent child or if the student has been adjudicated an abused, neglected, or dependent child. The Board shall require that the grades, credits, official transcripts, IEPs, or 504 plan of a student described in this paragraph be transferred immediately upon the receipt of either another district's or school's request for those records under O.R.C. §3313.672 or a juvenile judge's order under O.R.C. §2151.272.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §3313.642

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