

SCHOOL FEES - POLICY -

In accordance with the School Act [Section 82] and Ministerial Order [236/07] the Board of Education shall not charge fees for goods and services provided by the Board to students of school age resident in the school district without which the student could not meet the learning outcomes or assessment requirements of an educational program provided by the Board, (**refer to policy 2-10 – Access to Educational Programs**).

- REGULATION -

- 1.0 Schools may charge students nominal fees for:
 - 1.1 materials used in goods that are intended for the student to take home for personal use or as a gift;
 - 1.2 the purchase of paper, writing tools, calculators, student planners, exercise books, computer diskettes and other school supplies and equipment for a student's personal use;
 - 1.3 the rental of a musical instrument 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.
- 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 31st for the following school year.