

## **STUDENT FEES, FINES AND CHARGES**

### Materials Fees

Students enrolled in District schools are furnished basic textbooks without cost. However, a fee for consumable materials and supplies used in the instructional program is established at the beginning of each school year and may vary as the cost of materials and supplies fluctuates. Such fees are to be deposited in the rotary operating funds of the Board to defray the cost of the materials and supplies.

The Board directs the Superintendent/designee to prepare a schedule of fees for materials to be used in courses of instruction and a schedule of charges that may be imposed for damage to school property.

The District does not charge students eligible for free lunch under the National School Lunch Act or Child Nutrition Act a fee for any materials needed to participate fully in a course of instruction. Any fees charged to students eligible for free lunch under the National School Lunch Act or Child Nutrition Act will be charged in compliance with State and Federal law. This exception only applies to recipients of free lunch, not students who receive reduced-price lunch. This provision does not apply to extracurricular activities and student enrichment programs that are not courses of instruction.

### Fines

When school property, equipment or supplies are damaged, lost or taken by individuals, a fine is assessed. The fine is reasonable, seeking only to compensate the school for the expense or loss incurred. Free lunch eligibility does not exempt a student from paying fines for damage to school property.

The late return of borrowed books or materials from the school libraries is subject to appropriate fines. All fines collected are sent to the Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund of the Board.

### Unpaid Meal Charges

Unpaid meal charges are considered delinquent debt when payment is past due. The administration will establish procedures for the collection of unpaid meal charges. (see below)

### Collection of Student Fees and Fines

The administration may establish regulations for the collection of student fees and fines.

Grades and credits are not made available to any student, graduate or to anyone requesting same on his/her behalf until all fees and fines for that student have been paid in full, except where required by State law. State law requires the District immediately to transfer a student's grades, credits, official transcripts, IEP's, and/or 504 plans to another school district or school that requests those records under R.C. 3313.672, and/or in response to a juvenile judge's order under R.C. 2151.272. Additionally, the District does not withhold grades, credits, official transcripts, diplomas, IEPs, or 504 plans for any student for nonpayment of fees for materials used in a course of instruction if a compliant has been filed at any time in a juvenile court alleging that the student is an abused, neglected, or dependent child or if the child has been adjudicated an abused, neglected, or dependent child.

1. The principal will advise parents of fees due at the beginning of the school year.
2. The first week of October, the principal will send a letter from the Treasurer and an invoice to parents of students with outstanding fees and fines.
3. A payment schedule may be arranged at the building level with full payment to be received by June 15.

*NOTE: Under the Ohio Revised Code, districts may charge free lunch eligible students fees under two exceptions:*

- 1. for any materials needed to enable the student to fully participate in extracurricular activities or any pupil enrichment program that is not part of a course of instruction and*
- 2. for any tools, equipment and materials necessary for workforce-readiness training with a career-technical education program that, to the extent the tools, equipment and materials are not consumed, may be retained by the student upon course completion.*

*These two exceptions do not require districts to charge such fees; they simply give them the permission to charge the fees if they so choose.*

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