

Permitted, Prohibited and New Fees

A school may charge fees in the following areas:

- (1) In any program where the resultant product, in excess of minimum requirements and at the pupil's option, becomes the personal property of the pupil.
- (2) Admission fees or charges for extra-curricular activities, where attendance is optional.
- (3) A security deposit to assure the return of materials, supplies or equipment.
- (4) Personal physical education and athletic equipment and apparel, although any pupil may provide his/her own if it meets reasonable requirements and standards relating to health and safety established by the school board.
- (5) Items of personal use or products which a student may purchase at his/her own option such as student publications, class rings, annuals, and graduation announcements.
- (6) Fees specifically permitted by any other statute.
- (7) Field trips considered supplementary to a school's educational program when students are not required to participate and are not graded on what was learned on the trip.
- (8) An authorized voluntary student health and accident benefit plan.
- (9) For the use of musical instruments owned or rented by the district, a reasonable rental fee not to exceed either the rental cost to the district or the annual depreciation plus the actual annual maintenance cost of each school-owned instrument.
- (10) Student may be required to furnish personal or consumable items including pencils, paper, pen, erasers and notebooks.
- (11) Transportation of pupils to and from extra curricular activities conducted at locations other than school, where attendance is optional.
- (12) Motorcycle classroom education courses conducted outside of regular school hours; provided the charge shall not exceed the actual cost of these courses to the school district.

A school may not charge fees in the following areas:

- (1) Textbooks, workbooks, art materials, laboratory supplies and towels.
- (2) Supplies necessary for participation in any instructional course except as specifically authorized by State law.
- (3) Field trips which are required as part of a basic education program or course.

- (4) Graduation caps, gown, any specific form of dress necessary for any educational program, and diplomas.
- (5) Instructional costs for necessary school personnel employed in any course or educational program required for graduation.
- (6) Library books required to be utilized for any educational course or program.
- (7) Admission fees, dues or fees for any activity the pupil is required to attend.
- (8) Any admission or examination cost for any required educational course or program.
- (9) Locker rentals.
- (10) Transportation of pupils (a) to and from school as authorized by State law, or (b) for which State transportation aid is authorized by State law.
- (11)

Any new fee that is not authorized or prohibited shall be submitted by the principal to the Operations Superintendent for approval at least four months prior to its planned initiation. No new fee shall be initiated until the procedures mandated in the Minneapolis Public Schools have been completed.

The building principal should submit a periodic report on an appropriate form to the Operations Superintendent for those fees charged to students. Any inquiry regarding pupil fees should be addressed to the Operations Superintendent

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