

Student Fees

Authorized Student Fees

In accordance with this policy, students may be required to pay for, contribute to, or furnish the following:

1. Security deposits for the return of textbooks, materials, supplies, or equipment;
2. Personal or consumable items if the student is provided the option of furnishing such items and/or where resultant product becomes the personal property of the student. Examples include art supplies, family and consumer science supplies, career and technical education supplies, and student planners if school information, rules, procedures, etc. included in them are readily available to students elsewhere;
2. Admission and participation fees or charges for co-curricular or non-curricular events or activities where attendance or participation is optional;
3. Fees or premiums for any authorized student health or accident benefit plan;
4. Fees for personal physical education and athletic equipment and apparel provided that the student may provide his own equipment or apparel that meets reasonable health and safety standards established by the Board and that use of such specialized equipment is not required and failure to use the equipment may not be used to penalize a student's grade;
5. Opportunities may be provided for attending, preparing, or participating in activities, events, or projects outside the classroom for which the student may be awarded extra credit. Participation in the extra credit opportunities may not be required, lack of participation may not be used to lower a student's grade, and the extra credit opportunities offered by the teacher must include some that do not have a cost;
6. Fees for the cost of cleaning and repair of specialized equipment and uniforms used by the student provided that the fees shall reasonably reflect the actual cost of cleaning and repair;
8. Other fees consistent with this policy and state law that have been approved by the Superintendent or the Board.

Unauthorized Student Fees

Schools may NOT require payment for:

1. Participation in any course activity which is curricular and, in secondary schools, results in academic credit. Examples might be bowling and skiing in PE, trips to museums, zoos,

movie theaters, state and national parks, or supplementary lessons, (i.e. flying lessons in aviation).

2. Participation in school holiday or reward parties/activities.
3. School planners if school information, rules, procedures, etc. are included in the planner, and that same information is not readily accessible elsewhere.

Waiver of Fees Procedures

The intent of this rule is to give guidance to school leaders in consistently applying the board policy on student fines, fees, and charges.

Considerations

1. Waiving "unauthorized" fees for those students for whom paying would be a hardship does not relieve a school from following this rule.
2. Inviting donations to support activities is acceptable so long as a donation is not a condition of participation.
3. The District may also require pupils to furnish personal or consumable items such as pencils, paper, pens, erasers, notebooks, or other items of personal use. Additionally, there may be products which students may purchase at their option such as publications, class rings, annuals, planners, and similar items.
4. School, PTO and Booster Club fund raising to support activities must be done in compliance with the BPS policy on student fundraising and associated documents.
5. Field Trips must be planned and conducted in accord with the school board policy on field trips and the associated administrative rule.

The District will seek to make funds available to provide activities for which a fee is authorized when parents and/or students are unable to pay the fees. Parents and students shall be notified of this waiver of fees policy. The District will not deny participation in a curricular program due to a student's or parent's inability to pay a fee authorized in this policy.

Complementary Documents

- FFF, Field and Other School-Sponsored Trips
- HBCC, Student Fundraising