

POLICY 3.30 STUDENT FEES AND DEPOSITS

In accordance with the provisions of the *School Act*, its accompanying Regulation and Order of the Minister, the Board will provide free of charge, educational resource materials necessary to participate in an educational program sufficient to meet the general requirements for graduation. Students shall not be charged fees for goods and/or services for which the student cannot meet the learning outcomes or assessment requirements of an educational program, subject to exceptions authorized by the *School Act*.

The Board may require refundable or partly refundable deposits for educational resource materials in accordance with the *School Act*.

The Superintendent will approve a schedule of fees and deposits and publish the schedule prior to the beginning of the school year to be available to students and parents/guardians and caregivers.

To ensure that fees and deposits do not become a barrier to student participation in educational programs, the Board has adopted a policy regarding financial hardship.

Guidelines

1. The Board may charge a fee for specialty programs as well as resources such as materials, supplies, equipment, and musical instruments, which are intended for the personal use of the student and are beyond the provision of a basic educational program.
2. The Board may charge a fee, on a cost-recovery basis, for items such as transportation, accommodation, meals, entrance fees and equipment rental associated with co-curricular or extra-curricular activities as well as special events.
 - 2.1. Schools may not charge fees where participation is necessary in order for the student to meet the learning outcomes or assessment requirements of a course.
 - 2.2. Schools may charge fees for optional activities that enhance and add value to a student's learning experience but are not essential to the learning outcomes.

3. The Board may require a student to provide, at their own personal expense appropriate personal clothing for school activities such as physical education clothing, footwear, outerwear, and personal safety equipment
4. Students will provide appropriate items for school activities such as physical education clothing, specialized footwear, and personal safety equipment.
5. Students will provide personal supplies and equipment for a student's individual use (i.e., electronic storage devices, paper, writing tools, calculators).