

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
June 13, 2017

SUBJECT:

Changes to Policy JQ Student Fees, Fines and Charges

BACKGROUND:

This policy establishes the basic structure for the assessment of student fees, fines, and charges.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The revised policy brings procedures in line with the district's current administrative structure. It establishes that fees be set by district administration and provides for the uniform assessment of fees by level.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the proposed policy on final reading

ATTACHMENT:

Policy JQ Student Fees, Fines and Charges

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STUDENT FEES, FINES AND CHARGES

Code **JQ** Issued **6/17**

Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the assessment of student fees, fines and charges.

Fees

The board recognizes that it may charge student fees to offset the cost of educational materials and supplies. The board finds that in view of the history of the level of state funding for the public schools, the imposition of school fees (matriculation fees), as authorized by state law, is essential to the success of the educational mission of the district. However, the district will not deny any student an education because of his/her failure to pay these supplementary charges.

District administration will annually establish the fee schedules. No school will charge a fee that has not been approved.

School fees (matriculation charges) are those fees required of all students enrolled in a given school for a school year. Certain charges such as band instrument rentals or purchases or career and technology course equipment and supplies are not considered "school fees" or "matriculation charges".

The board recognizes that some students are entitled to reduced fees or are exempt altogether by law. Further, the board realizes that some students - although not exempt or entitled to reduction by law - may nevertheless be unable to pay these fees in one installment. The principal has the discretion to authorize a schedule of payments, in such cases. The principal will notify the appropriate executive director when alternative arrangements are made.

Fines and charges

No student is exempt from charges for books, lockers, materials, supplies and equipment that are lost or damaged.

Adopted 11/9/71; Revised 5/14/90, 8/15/91, 4/23/02, 10/13/09, 2/7/12

Legal references:

A. S.C. Code of Laws:

1. Section 59-19-90(8) - General powers and duties of school trustees; charge matriculation and incidental fees.