

## **BoardDocs: Active Policies / District Procedures**

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### I. Fees or Fines May Apply in the Following Categories

A. Textbooks, Library Books and Media Materials - The following sanctions may be taken against a student who fails or refuses to pay for a lost or damaged textbook, library book or media material at the replacement cost:

1. refusal to issue any additional textbooks, library books or media materials until restitution is made; and/or
2. withholding of all grade cards, diplomas or certificates of progress until restitution is made.

B. No school shall require any pupil or parent to purchase any textbook, library book or media material except in cases where the student damages, loses or defaces such item either through willful intent or neglect.

### II. Charges May Apply in the Following Categories

A. Music - At both the elementary and secondary levels a listing of instruments will be provided by the school. Instruments will be provided to students on an equitable basis until the supply is exhausted. Students may voluntarily participate using their own instruments. The school may not sponsor, endorse or participate in rental/purchase plans for students without receiving quotations from at least three commercial firms. All sheet music will be provided by the school.

B. Physical Education - Students may reasonably be expected to provide an appropriate change of clothing for physical education; however, this does not constitute a uniform. The definition of "an appropriate change of clothing"

shall be shorts and a top. Appropriate clothing for outdoor cold weather activities may be worn as needed.

C. Other legitimate charges include but are not limited to:

1. gate admissions;
2. student publications;
3. graduation fees for participation;
4. replacement or repair cost for loss or abuse of school property; and/or
5. extracurricular activity fees.

D. The following sanctions may be taken against a student who fails to return or refuses to pay for lost or damaged school property, including but not limited to, musical instruments, sheet music, uniforms of all kinds, sports equipment, etc.:

1. refusal to issue any additional school property until restitution is made; and/or
2. withholding of all grade cards, diplomas or certificates of progress until restitution is made.

III. A record of any outstanding fees, fines or charges will accompany students' records whenever they move from school to school within the School System, and sanctions in I. A. and II. D. may be taken against a student by his/her new school until the student settles matters with his/her former school.

Cross References: [JS – Student Fees, Fines and Charges Policy](#)