

STUDENT FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES

The School Board charges student fees and takes action to recover funds for the loss of or damage to School Board property in accordance with the state and federal law. No fee may be charged unless it has been approved by the School Board or as permitted by regulation of the Virginia Board of Education. Any fees charged will be approved on a yearly basis and posted to the Division website.

The School Board provides, free of charge, such textbooks as are required for courses of instruction for each child attending public schools. For economically disadvantaged students, this will include textbooks required for Advanced Placement courses and the accompanying fees associated with taking Advanced Placement exams. Consumable materials such as workbooks, writing books, and drawing books may be purchased by the School Board and either provided to students at no cost or sold to students at a retail price not to exceed seven (7%) percent added to the publisher's price. If sold, the School Board shall ensure that workbooks, writing books, and drawing books are furnished to students who are unable to afford them at a reduced price or free of charge. Fees will not be charged to students for instructional materials, textbooks, or other materials used by a School Board employee that are not directly used by a public school student.

Fees are reduced or waived for economically disadvantaged students and students whose families are undergoing economic hardships and are financially unable to pay them, including but not limited to, families receiving unemployment benefits or public assistance, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Medicaid; foster families caring for children in foster care; and families that are homeless.

Each time a fee is charged, notice will be given that a fee waiver may be requested. The notice will include directions as to how to apply for a waiver.

This policy will be provided to parents annually and posted on the division's website.

No student's report card, diploma or class schedule will be withheld because of nonpayment of fees or charges. No students will be suspended or expelled for nonpayment of fees or charges.

The School Board may take action against a student or the student's parent or guardian for any actual loss, damage to, destruction of, or failure to return property owned or under the control of the School Board. Such action may include, but not be limited to, seeking reimbursement from the student or the student's family for any such loss, damage, destruction, or failure to return School Board property.

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