

STUDENT FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES

The Eastmont School District will provide an educational program for the students as free of costs as possible.

The superintendent may approve the use of supplementary supplies or materials for which a charge is made to the student so long as the charge does not exceed the cost of the supplies or materials, students are free to purchase them elsewhere, or provide reasonable alternatives, and a proper accounting is made of all moneys received by staff for supplies and materials.

The Board delegates authority to the superintendent to establish appropriate fees and procedures governing the collection of such fees and to make annual reports to the Board regarding fee schedules. Arrangements will be made for the waiver or reduction of fees for students whose families, by reason of their low income, would have difficulty paying the full fee. For programs governed by the National School Lunch Act, the USDA Child Nutrition Program guidelines will be used to determine qualification for waiver. The superintendent will establish a procedure for annually notifying parents of the availability of fee waivers and reductions, including eligibility information for free or reduced-price meals.

A student will be responsible for the cost of replacing materials or property which are lost or damaged due to negligence. A student's grades, transcripts, or diploma may be withheld until restitution is made by payment or the equivalency through voluntary work. The student or his/her parent/guardian may appeal the imposition of a charge for damages to the superintendent and Board.

If a student has transferred to another school district that has requested the student's records, but that student has an outstanding fee or fine, records will be transferred according to Policy 3231 Student Records. However, for students who meet the definition of homeless, the District will make all the student's records readily available to the enrolling school regardless of outstanding fees or fines.

Cross References:

Board Policy 3115	Students Experiencing Homelessness – Enrollment Rights and Services
Board Policy 3231	Student Records
Board Policy 3241	Student Discipline

Legal References:

42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq. McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

RCW 28A.220.040	Fiscal support — Reimbursement to school districts — Enrollment fees — Deposit
RCW 28A.225.330	Enrolling students from other districts — Requests for information and permanent records — Withheld transcripts — Immunity from liability — Notification to teachers and security personnel — Rules
RCW 28A.320.230(f)	Instructional materials — Instructional materials committee
RCW 28A.330.100	Additional powers of board
RCW 28A.635.060	Defacing or injuring school property — Liability of pupil, parent or guardian — Withholding grades, diplomas or transcripts — Suspension and restitution — Voluntary work program as alternative — Rights protected
AGO 1965-66,#113	Districts — Schools — Fees — Tuition — Supplies — Authority of school districts to charge tuition fees or textbook fees
AGO 1973, No. 11	Districts — Schools — Tuition & Fees — Authority of school districts to charge various fees

Management Resources:

Policy & Legal News, July 2019

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Policy News, June 1999 School Safety Bills Impact Policy