



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Name: Student Activity Fees
Section: Educational Services

Policy Code: ES-3.14

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Education Act, every student has the right to attend a school, where they are a qualified resident pupil, without payment of a fee. Students attending schools in Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board will be provided with the materials and resources required to complete a regular course of study, without the payment of a fee.

2. OBJECTIVE

It is recognized that fees may be appropriate in cases where schools choose to offer enhancements or supplementary learning materials beyond the core curriculum. Where fees are appropriate, they should be minimized as much as possible, with the goal of supporting student participation in programs and activities regardless of individual economic circumstances.

3. DEFINITIONS

Enhanced Programming and Materials

Voluntary enrichments or upgrades to the curriculum or co-curricular activities beyond what is necessary to meet the learning expectations for a particular grade or course. For example, in some performance and production courses (e.g., music, woodworking), students may wish to use a superior product or consumable than that provided by the school, in which case they may be asked to pay the additional cost of the upgrade.

Optional Programming

Refers to voluntary courses or activities that students normally choose to attend through an application process, with the knowledge that these programs are beyond the core curriculum. Examples would include Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate.

Student Activity Fees

Voluntary amounts that are used to supplement a student's school experience through materials and activities such as student agendas, student recognition programs, yearbooks, extracurricular activities, school dances, or theme days.

4. APPLICATION

This policy applies to all employees involved in the delivery of enhanced or optional educational programs where additional fees and/or learning materials are required for courses of study.

5. RESPONSIBILITY

The families of schools superintendents, or designates, are responsible to review this policy with school administrators and to monitor administration of student fees to ensure consistent application and compliance with this policy and its associated administrative regulation.

The principal of each school is responsible for review of this policy and its associated administrative regulation with appropriate staff and provide leadership and guidance to staff when determining whether fee charges may be appropriate.

6. POLICY

In certain circumstances, following consultation with the school community, some schools may choose to offer optional enhanced programming. When students, in consultation with their parents, select optional enhanced courses or programs, parents may be asked to contribute resources in the way of time, money or materials to support these programs or activities. Fees may also be appropriate in cases where schools choose to offer enhancements or supplementary learning materials beyond the core curriculum. In cases where this occurs, opportunities to complete the course requirements, at no cost, will be provided. Student activity fees may also be charged for extracurricular activities.

7. RELATED POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS OR PROCEDURAL DOCUMENTS

Administrative Regulations:
[ES-3.14.1, Student Activity Fees](#)

8. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Legislation:
[Education Act](#)

Other Documents:
[Fees for Learning Materials and Activities at Schools](#)