

STUDENT FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES

The School Committee recognizes the need for student fees to fund certain school activities. It also recognizes that some students may not be able to pay these fees. No student will be denied access into any program because of inability to pay these supplementary charges.

A school may exact a fee or charge only upon Committee approval. The schools, however, may:

- Charge students enrolled in certain courses for the cost of materials used in projects that will become the property of the student.
- Charge for repair and replacement of lost and damaged books, materials, supplies, and equipment, including devices and accessories.

Students who are indigent are exempt from paying fees. However, indigent students are not exempt from charges for lost and damaged books, locks, materials, supplies, and equipment.

All student fees and charges, both optional and required, will be listed and described annually in each school's student handbook or in some other written form and distributed to each student. The notice will advise students that fees and charges are to be paid at the end of a school year or anytime a student leaves the district.

Any fee or charge due to any school in the District and not paid at the end of the school year will be carried forward to the next succeeding school year, as such debts are considered to be debts to the District and not to a particular school. Unpaid charges are a financial obligation of the parents/guardians. All communication regarding unpaid charges will be directed at parents/guardians. The consequences of non-payment will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the building principal. For debt that has remained in the negative balance for a prolonged period, the school principal will contact the parent/guardian to investigate the situation more closely.

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