

School Fees and Deposits

Policy No. 403.11

The Board will provide free of charge, to school age students, resident in the school district and enrolled in an educational program at one of its schools, instruction in an educational program and educational resource materials sufficient to meet current graduation requirements with the following exceptions:

- Fees may be charged for the purchase or rental of musical instruments where the student is participating in a music class, course, program or a fine arts class, course or program with a musical component; and,
- Fees may be charged for the rental or purchase of tools, equipment and materials necessary for a student's participation in a Career and Trades Program.

The Board may charge fees only for materials used that are surplus to what would be necessary for a student to meet the expected outcomes in a course requiring consumption of materials.

The Board may charge fees for field trips not necessary for the successful completion of a course and where attendance is optional. When the field trip activities are optional, an alternative activity shall be offered at the school.

The Board may continue to charge fees for the purchase of paper, writing tools, calculators, student planners, exercise books, data storage devices and other school supplies and equipment for a student's personal use, and may require students to provide appropriate personal clothing for school activities, such as gym strip, footwear, outerwear, and personal safety equipment.

The Board may require refundable deposits.

The Board will ensure that a schedule of fees and deposits required is published prior to the beginning of the school year and is available to students and their parents.

The Board will ensure that procedures are put into place at every school so that no students of school age, ordinarily resident in British Columbia, would be excluded from a course, class or program because of financial hardship.

The Board may continue to offer courses of study for students through summer school. All for-credit courses must be offered free of charge. Exceptions would follow the policy as it relates to music programs and Career and Trades Programs.