

STUDENT FEES, FINES AND CHARGES

The Board recognizes the need for student fees to fund certain school activities which are not sufficiently funded by the district; however, no fees will be assessed for required or elective courses. The superintendent may approve exceptions to this policy.

No student will be denied an education, a class, or an activity because of his/her inability to pay supplementary fees.

No student, however, is exempt from charges for lost or damaged books, locks, materials, supplies and equipment.

All student fees and charges, both optional and required, will be listed and described annually in the student/parent handbook, or in some other written form, and distributed to each student. Students will be advised of the due dates for such fees and charges as well as of possible penalties for failure to pay them.

The district may withhold the grade reports, diploma and records of any student or former student who owes \$50 or more. Such records may also be withheld for any student or former student who owes less than \$50. Documents withheld will be released upon payment of the debt.

The district may waive all or a portion of the debt if one of the following conditions are met:

1. The district determines that the student or the parent or guardian of the student is unable to pay the debt;
2. The payment of the debt could impact the health or safety of the student;
3. The cost to notify the student and his/her parents would cost more than the potential total debt collected relating to the notice; or
4. There are mitigating circumstances as determined by the superintendent of the district that preclude the collection of the debt.

Education records shall not be withheld for student fees, fines and charges if requested in circumstances described in ORS 326.575 and applicable rules of the State Board of Education or such records are requested for use in the appropriate placement of a student.

Prior to collection of debts, the superintendent will ensure that notice has been provided as required by ORS 339.260 and 339.270.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 326.565

ORS 326.575

ORS 339.115

ORS 339.155

ORS 339.260

ORS 339.270