

FEES AND CHARGES

The Governing Board recognizes its responsibility to ensure that books, materials, equipment, supplies, and other resources necessary for students' participation in the educational program are made available to them. No student shall be required to pay fee, deposit, or other charge for his/her participation in an educational activity which constitutes an integral fundamental part of the District's educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities. (Education Code 49010, 49011; 5 CCR 350)

As necessary, the Board may approve fees, deposits, and other charges that are specifically authorized by law. When approving such authorized fees, deposits, or charges, establishing fee schedules, or determining whether waivers or exceptions should be granted, the Board shall consider relevant data, including the socio-economic conditions of District students' families and their ability to pay.

The prohibition against student fees shall not restrict the District from soliciting for voluntary donations, participating in fundraising activities, and providing prizes or other recognition for participants in such activities and events. However, the District shall not offer or award to a student any course credit or privileges related to educational activities in exchange for voluntary donations or participation in fundraising activities by or on behalf of the student and shall not remove, or threaten to remove, from a student any course credit or privileges related to educational activities, or otherwise discriminate against the student, due to a lack of voluntary donations or participation in fundraising activities by or on behalf of the student.

The Superintendent or designed may provide information or professional development opportunities to administrators, teachers, and other personnel regarding permissible fees.

Complaints

A complaint alleging District noncompliance with the prohibition against requiring student fees, deposits, or other charges shall be filed in accordance with the District's procedures in BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 49013)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

If, upon investigation, the District finds merit in the complaint, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend and the Board shall adopt an appropriate remedy to be provided to all affected students and parents/guardians in accordance with 5 CCR 4600.

Information related to the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees for participation in an educational activity shall be included in the District's annual notification required to be provided to all students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to 5 CCR 4622. (Education Code 49013)

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Collection of Debt

The Superintendent or designee shall, in accordance with law, recover any debt owed to the district as a result of unpaid permissible student fees approved by the Board. However, the district shall not bill a current or former student for accumulated debt, nor take negative action against a student or former student because of such debt, including, but not limited to, any of the following: (Education Code 49014)

- 1. Denying full credit for any class assignment*
- 2. Denying full and equal participation in any classroom activity*
- 3. Denying access to the library or other on-campus educational facilities*
- 4. Denying or withholding grades or transcripts*
- 5. Denying or withholding a diploma*
- 6. Limiting or barring participation in an extracurricular activity, club, or sport*
- 7. Limiting or excluding the student from participation in an educational activity, field trip, or school ceremony*

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8239 Preschool and wraparound child care services

8250 Child care and development services for children with disabilities

8263 Child care eligibility

8482.6 After School Education and Safety programs

8760-8774 Outdoor science and conservation programs

17453.1 District sale or lease of Internet appliances or personal computers to students or parents

17551 Property fabricated by students

19910-19911 Offenses against libraries

32033 Eye protective devices

32221 Insurance for athletic team member

32390 Fingerprinting program

35330-35332 Excursions and field trips

35335 School camp programs

38080-38086 Cafeteria establishment and use

38120 Use of school band equipment on excursions to foreign countries

39801.5 Transportation for adults

39807.5 Payment of transportation costs

39837 Transportation of students to places of summer employment

48050 Residents of adjoining states

48052 Tuition for foreign residents

48904 Liability of parent or guardian

49010-49013 Student fees

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49014 Public School Fair Debt Collection Act
49065 Charge for copies
49066 Grades, effect of physical education class apparel
49091.14 Prospectus of school curriculum
51810-51815 Community service classes
52612 Tuition for adult classes
52613 Nonimmigrant aliens
56504 School records; students with disabilities
60410 Students in classes for adults
GOVERNMENT CODE
6253 Request for copy; fee
CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
Article 9, Section 5 Common school system
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
350 Fees not permitted
4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 8
1184 Foreign students