

Greater Essex County

District School Board

Policy: Activity and Course Cost Fees – Secondary Students Fees for Learning Materials and Activities at Schools

Reference No: P-BA-29

Activity Fees:

The standard student activity fee is \$50 and is used to supplement as student's school experience through activities and materials that are optional. Any change to this fee will be developed in consultation with the school community and approved by the Director of Education.

The revenue in each school resulting from the student activity fees will be allocated by the school Principal to provide funding for extracurricular activities and athletics, student council activities yearbooks for students and other student activities. Examples of activities that may be subsidized include school clubs, dances, prom, theme days, graduation, school awards, etc.

Principals will clearly communicate a discreet and respectful process for activity and course fees to be waived or subsidized if the student/parent/guardian is experiencing financial hardship.

Where a student does not pay for the activity fee or have it waived by the Principal, this student will not be eligible to participate in these types of activities.

Course Cost Fees:

Fees may be charged where a student chooses to upgrade the materials or where the purchase of materials is optional. It is recognized that there may be optional resources that students may purchase to enhance the program. Students must be allowed to participate in the regular day school program without fees or costs charged to them.

Accountability to the School Community:

Fees should reflect the estimated cost of the services or materials provided to the students.

The Greater Essex County District School Board's mission, vision and strategic priorities support student success and well-being. The Board recognizes its responsibility to ensuring that all students are supported, and that its policies reflect equity and inclusion.

The Board acknowledges that every student has the right to attend a school, where they are a qualified resident pupil, without payment of a fee. However, fees for enhanced or optional programming may be requested. At no time will students be excluded from participating in any school activity or event based on their ability to pay. The dignity of every student and their families will be honoured.

Reference can be made to the Ministry of Education – "Fees for learning materials and activities at schools"

https://www.ontario.ca/page/fees-learning-materials-and-activities-schools-0

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