Helena Public Schools

STUDENTS

Student Charges, Fines and Fees

A student may be charged a fee for:

- 1. the actual cost of breakage or damage to an item;
- 2. consumable supplies;
- 3. maintenance and repair of equipment utilized in the classes and/or courses offered for graduation credit including but not limited to career and technical education and fine arts classes; or
- 4. field trips or facility rentals associated with classroom or school activities either within or out of the district boundaries.

If a student is to be charged a fee, both the student and parent shall be notified regarding the amount of the fee or charge, or the nature of the damage, how restitution may be paid, and how an appeal may be instituted. The District may charge reasonable copy costs associated with student requests for post secondary applications and other discretionary activities.

A student may be charged reasonable tuition for activities not offered for graduation credit or for repeat courses offered for credit. These include adult education courses, drivers' education, athletics, intramural sports, student extracurricular activities, and under three-mile transportation charges

All District-sponsored student programs that are offered outside of the regular school day are required to prepare an annual pricing plan and must generate revenue at least equal to the cost of the program unless the Board agrees to supplement the program with other funds.

District students who apply and are approved for either free or reduced lunches may request a waiver of applicable tuition/fees. A current school lunch application must be on file with the appropriate school in order for this waiver to be granted. Absent extenuating circumstances, only one waiver will be granted per student for drivers' education.

Unless otherwise required by law, all student charges, fines, and fees collected under any part of this section shall be deposited with the District Business Office.

Legal References:

Cross References:

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