

POLICY 340 SCHOOL FEES AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

The Board believes that providing a wide range of educational opportunities and experiences enhance students' learning and will provide, free of charge, educational resource materials necessary to participate in an educational program sufficient to meet the general requirements for graduation.

The Board of Education may charge fees for goods and services in accordance with Ministerial Orders and the School Act. The Board of Education may also require refundable or partly refundable deposits for educational resource materials in accordance with Section 82 of the School Act.

The Board authorizes fees for optional programs and extra-curricular activities, or other goods and services provided by the district to enrich curricula and school life for students. In these circumstances students and parents must be informed of the process whereby fees may be waived.

The Board of Education 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 parents/guardians/caregivers.

To ensure that fees and deposits do not become a barrier to student participation in educational programs, the Superintendent shall establish procedures for schools to address financial hardship which will allow participation in activities by students who would otherwise be excluded.