

POLICY

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53
(Okanagan Similkameen)**

SCHOOL FEES & FUNDRAISING

**Reference: F-5
Revised: June 10, 2009**

SCHOOL FEES AND FUNDRAISERS FOR STUDENTS

The Board of Education believes fees charged to students should not impede a students' educational learning or experiences.

REGULATION

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SCHOOL FEES

Subject to the School Board Fees Order and *School Act*, Sections 82, 82.1 (specialty Academies), 82.2 (Trades Programs), and 82.3 (Musical Instruments):

1. The Board of Education will approve a Student Fee Schedule by June of each school year. This will be reviewed annually in the spring by the Superintendent in consultation with the principals of all schools.
2. Each school principal is to establish a process and procedures to facilitate the participation of students who would not otherwise be able to participate in activities due to financial hardship as per *School Act*, Section 82.4 & 83. This will include making parents and students aware of this assistance. This process should ensure fairness and preserve the dignity of individuals and families involved.
3. A copy of the current years' school fee schedule is available from each school or the Board Office.

FUNDRAISING

The Board of Education believes that fundraising is a component of a school's efforts to enhance education experiences for students. Fundraising activities should generally be service-oriented and contribute to enhancing school community relations.

Guidelines for Fund Raising (School and PAC's)

1. Fundraising activities will be consistent with the district's educational philosophy and priorities.
2. Fundraising must be consistent with the School District and Corporate Partnerships Policy (Section G-1).
3. Fundraising must be approved by a Principal/Vice Principal.
3. Fundraising activities may be coordinated with other schools and/or community groups.

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STUDENT FEES FOR 2009-2010

Subject to annual approval by the Board of Education, as per Section 82 and Section 168 (2)j of the *School Act*, and Ministerial Order 125/90, School District No. 53 schools may assess the following fees:

Definitions:

<u>Curricular</u>	Required attendance for all students as part of a course and grades.
<u>Optional Curricular</u>	The part of a course which is optional. Attendance is not required. The optional part of the course does not constitute any portion of grades. Optional Curricular and Extra-Curricular Guidelines apply.
<u>Extra-Curricular</u>	Activities are not part of a course. Attendance is voluntary. Optional Curricular and Extra-Curricular Guidelines apply.

Schools may assess the following:

1. An extra-curricular user fee for activities that are optional.
2. A commencement fee for Grade 12 students.
3. A secondary material fee for projects beyond the basic material supplied by the school, at the student's request. (Art, Woodwork, Metalwork, Autobody, Cooking and Sewing are some course examples.)
4. A secondary refundable deposit fee, subject to loss or damage assessment, for:
 - a. textbooks of \$35
 - b. graphing calculators, as required, of \$35
5. A student agenda booklet fee of up to \$5.00 for recording homework assignments and class/school events.
6. A student activity fee of up to \$10.00 for student-determined activities and events.
7. Optional - "Food For Thought" fee up to \$5.00.

Any further student fees, including extra-curricular fees, will be presented to the Board of Education for approval prior to implementation.

Resale of Student Supplies

Schools may charge for resale supplies such as writing and paper materials, gym strip, computer diskettes, low-level calculators, graphing calculators (Grade 10-12), locks and art booklet.

Parents or guardians are responsible for instrument rental or purchase agreements and supplies (such as reeds) when students are enrolled in a band programme.

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OPTIONAL CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR GUIDELINES

1. All travel **within** the district (and trips by Okanagan Falls Elementary School to Penticton) will be free.
2. All travel **outside** the district may be assessed a maximum of **\$15.00** per student per trip.
3. Students will be responsible for food, accommodation and activity expenses whether in or out of the district, out of the province or out of the country.
4. Out-of-province or International travel costs will be excluded from No. 2 and subject to Board approval.

FUNDRAISING

OPTIONAL CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Fundraising is acceptable for optional curricular and extra-curricular activities.

CURRICULAR

Fundraising may be undertaken for curricular activities if approved by the School Board (Superintendent).

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