

Corvallis School District

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Student Fees, Fines and Charges

Within the concept of free public education, the District shall provide an educational program for the students as free of costs as possible.

The Board may charge a reasonable fee for any course or activity not reasonably related to a recognized academic and educational goal of the District, or any course or activity held outside normal school functions. The Board may waive the fee in cases of financial hardship.

The Board delegates authority to the Superintendent to establish appropriate fees and procedures governing the collection of fees, and to make annual reports to the Board regarding fee schedules. The Board also may require a fee for the actual cost of breakage and of excessive supplies used in courses such as commercial, industrial arts, music, domestic science, science or agriculture.

The District holds a student ~~shall be~~ responsible for the cost of replacing materials or property, including textbooks, which are lost or damaged due to negligence. A building administrator will notify a student and parent regarding the nature of the violation or damage, how restitution may be made, and how an appeal may be instituted. The District may withhold a student's grades or diploma until restitution is made. The District may not refuse to transfer files because a student owes fines or fees.

Pursuant to 20-5-201 MCA subsection (4)(a), a school district may withhold the grades, diploma, or transcripts of a pupil who is responsible for the cost of school materials or the loss or damage of school property until the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian satisfies the obligation, and a school district that decides to withhold a pupil's grades, diploma, or transcripts from the pupil and the pupil's parent or guardian shall:

(i) upon receiving notice that the pupil has transferred to another school district in the state, notify the pupil's parent or guardian in writing that the school district to which the pupil has transferred will be requested to withhold the pupil's grades, diploma, or transcripts until any obligation has been satisfied;

(ii) forward appropriate grades or transcripts to the school to which the pupil has transferred;

(iii) at the same time, notify the school district of any financial obligation of the pupil and request the withholding of the pupil's grades, diploma, or transcripts until any obligations are met;

(iv) when the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian satisfies the obligation, inform the school district to which the pupil has transferred;

The student or his/her parents may appeal the imposition of a charge for damages to the Superintendent and the Board.

Legal reference: § 20-1-213 (3), MCA Transfer of school records
 § 20-5-201(4), MCA Duties and sanctions
 § 20-7-703, MCA Free textbook provisions
 § 20-9-214, MCA Fees

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