

## School Fees - Costs to Parents and Guardians

## **Administrative Procedure 1.B.170**

**Board Governance Policy Cross Reference:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7

**Legal Reference:** The Public Schools Act - subsections 48(1)(f), (h), (j) and (w); section 73&75

Manitoba Public School Fee Policy, 1998

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The Public Schools Act (PSA) authorizes school divisions to impose fees in certain circumstances. Evergreen School Division acknowledges the importance of ensuring equity for students and families and therefore has developed this procedure to reduce school fees.

There will be no fees for participation in required courses and activities. This will include lockers, agenda books, field trips related to curricular objectives, course fees for labs and project materials, swim/skate program, French camp, middle years and intramural athletics, high school convocations and the like.

There will be a modest charge for:

- School supplies when purchased by the school. Where schools issue supply lists those lists should be costed and reviewed with a view to keeping costs modest. Overnight trips for band and athletics. Schools will provide adequate notice to parents/guardians. Activities will be planned with economy in mind.
- Band uniforms, sports t shirts.
- Rental of musical instruments.
- High school interscholastic sports. A budget and accounting will be made available to parents/guardians detailing team and program expenses.
- Student parking

Financial assistance can be provided from Evergreen School Division school budgets to ensure that no student's educational participation in the above activities is limited by financial circumstances. Information about financial assistance will be provided through home/school communication.

Each year the Division will review school budgets and the allocation provided to schools to cover / defray activities costs to parents.

Principals will make available to parents a comprehensive school fee schedule prior to the start of each school year.