

School District #62 (Sooke)

SCHOOL FEES, SUPPLIES AND DEPOSITS	No.: B-360
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SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

The Board will provide free of charge, to school age students, resident in the school district and enrolled in an educational program at one of its schools,

- (a) instruction in an educational program sufficient to meet general graduation requirements, including instruction after graduation for students still of school age and,
- (b) educational resource materials necessary for participation in the educational program.

The Board recognizes the difference between educational resource materials necessary to participate in an educational program as defined within the meaning of the School Act and school supplies provided by the student. School supplies are those items which the student owns and uses personally and are generally consumable.

The Board may authorize schools to charge fees for goods and services. These goods and services are for materials, supplies, equipment and musical instruments intended for a student's personal use. A school may require refundable or partly refundable deposits for educational resource materials or other goods it provides to students.

The Board will, however, ensure that no student is denied an opportunity to participate in educational programs or activities on the basis of financial hardship. To that end, all schools will develop written procedures for dealing with this issue.

The Board recognizes the need for local schools to develop and publish grade-appropriate student supply lists and fee schedules. The Board will ensure that a schedule of required supplies, fees and deposits is published prior to the end of the previous school year and is available to students and their parents. Principals will establish such schedules after consultation with teachers, students and parents. Lists will be reviewed annually in an effort to minimize the costs to parents. Schedules will be applied only after approval by the Board.