

STUDENT FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES

The School Committees recognize the need for student fees to fund certain school activities. It also recognizes that some students may not be able to pay these fees. No student will be denied access into any program because of inability to pay these supplementary charges.

A school may exact a fee or charge only upon School Committees' approval. The schools, however, may:

- Charge students enrolled in certain courses for the cost of materials used in projects that will become the property of the student.
- Charge for lost and damaged books, materials, supplies, and equipment.

Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch program are exempt from paying fees. However, such students are not exempt from charges for lost and damaged books, locks, materials, supplies, and equipment.

All student fees and charges, both optional and required, will be listed and described annually in each school's student handbook or in some other written form and distributed to each student. The notice will advise students that fees are to be paid and of the penalties for their failure to pay them. Permissible penalties include the withholding of report cards until payment is made or denial of participation in extra class activities while the student is enrolled in the Districts.

Any fee or charge due to any school in the Districts and not paid at the end of the school year will be carried forward to the next succeeding school year, as such debts are considered to be debts of the student to the Districts and not to a particular school.