

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

May 21, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Education Programs and Planning Committee

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE OF FEES AND DEPOSITS

Recommendation

That, in accordance with section 82(6) of the *School Act* and Ministerial Order 237/07, the Schedule of Fees and Deposits for 2014 - 2015 be approved and published.

RATIONALE:

1. Section 82(6) of the School Act requires a board to publish a schedule of fees to be charged and deposits required and make it available to students and parents before the beginning of the school year.
2. Ministerial Order 236/07 specifies the fees that may be charged by school boards.

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Course Fees

There are no fees for elementary or secondary courses offered in School District No. 57 schools. Secondary students who choose a project beyond the learning outcomes of a course may supply their own materials or they may be charged for materials used to complete that project (e.g. type of wood chosen for a woodworking project). Students must be able to complete all of the required learning outcomes of all courses without being required to pay any fees or other charges.

Deposits

Deposits in the following areas are required and are refundable upon return of the text, electronic device or calculator:

- Storefront/Alternate Education textbook deposit \$25.00 - \$30.00
- Math 11 and Math 12 graphical calculators \$130.00
- Netbooks (pilot projects) \$400.00

External Credit Exam Fee

- Advanced Placement \$30.00 first exam
 \$20.00 second exam

Optional Charges and Costs

Specialty Academies

A Specialty Academy is an educational program that emphasizes a particular sport, activity or subject area and meets the prescribed criteria set out in the Ministry of Education regulations. A Specialty Academy may charge a fee for its program. The schedule of fees must be approved yearly by the School Planning Council. (Section 82.1 School Act). The Specialty Academies are then approved by the Board of Education.

Canadian Sport School - Northern BC – \$125.00 monthly

Includes:

- *Transportation to Northern Sports Centre (Mon – Thurs, yearlong from home school)*
- *Portion of Northern Sport Centre Strength and Conditioning coach staff fees*
- *Access to UNBC Sports Centre*

Kelly Road Secondary Hockey Academy fee - \$125

Includes:

- *BC Hockey Insurance*
- *Hockey Canada License Fee*
- *Instructor Fees (includes a goalie coach)*
- *Ice Rental Fee*

Student Planners

Schools may require students to have planners. Planners are supplied by schools on a cost recovery basis. These planners include, in addition to the daily calendar, school rules, expectations, important dates and events, staff names, services available in the school for students and parents, study hints and other information specific to the school.

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Student Services

A \$10.00 charge for student services is used by secondary schools for activities and assistance for all students. Examples include:

- Student Council activities, such as dances
- School wide events such as school spirit weeks
- Positive behaviour incentive programs that recognize student achievements
- Financial assistance to individual students to attend events outside the district - e.g. - UBC Connect
- Assistance to school groups such as clubs, teams, individual classes to travel and represent the school
- Motivational speakers on topics such as:
 - accepting diversity and accepting physical disabilities
 - leadership
 - avoiding drinking and driving

These opportunities are only made possible through the student services account.

Cultural Activities

Elementary schools in particular, and secondary schools occasionally, may offer cultural activity opportunities to students at an annual cost of up to \$10.00 per student.

Postage

Parents may choose to have school newsletters mailed to their homes to ensure that communication between the home and school remains timely. Where a family has more than one child in the same school, there is only one mailing charge. Costs vary from school to school depending upon the number of mailings scheduled for the school year

Locks

Students may choose to bring locks from home for their lockers, or may purchase locks for \$6.00 each from the school.

Yearbook

Students may choose to purchase school yearbooks, if available. The cost of yearbooks varies from school to school based upon the decision of the student yearbook committee regarding the size, content and number of colour pages to be included. The yearbook is a student-produced annual record of people and events in and around the school.

Field Trips

Schools may, from time to time, offer learning opportunities for students through field trips. Field trips are optional. Students choosing to participate may be expected to reimburse the school for costs associated with field trips. Students who choose not to participate will be assigned a project or activity that will ensure that the prescribed learning outcomes are met.

Valedictory Ceremonies

Most schools with grade 12 students offer a valedictory ceremony near year's end. The participation in such ceremonies is optional. Students who wish to participate will be expected to pay the shared cost of such a ceremony.