**POLICY TITLE:** Student Fees (Tax Credits), Fines and TUCSON UNIFIED Charges SCHOOL DISTRICT **GOVERNING BOARD POLICY** POLICY CODE: JQ **Fee Waivers** The Board recognizes the need for student fees to fund certain school activities that are not financed by local, state, or federal funds. It also recognizes that some students may not be able to pay these fees. All fees shall contain a provision that allows the fees to be waived in the event of economic hardship to the pupil. A.R.S. 15-116(A). Non-payment of fees charged by the District, may not prevent a student from enrolling in, applying to or remaining enrolled in a public school. A.R.S. 15-116(B). No student will be denied an education as a result of inability to pay these supplementary charges. This policy does not prohibit the District from charging tuition to a non-state resident pupil, as required by statute (A.R.S. 15-116(C)-----). Supplies and Students will not be required to supply specific types of school Equipment supplies or equipment as a prerequisite to successful completion of a required course or project. Students will, however, be responsible and accountable for loss of or damage to school property, including textbooks and library books.

> The Superintendent will establish procedures through which students may be held responsible and accountable for loss of or damage to school property, including textbooks and library books.

**Tax Credit contributions** Authorization is granted for the acceptance of fees or cash contributions paid by a taxpayer for support of extracurricular activities and character education programs in schools of the District. The Superintendent shall establish procedures to assure compliance with all requirements for reporting the receipt and expenditure of taxpayer contributions. See Regulation JQ-R.

## format described in Policy DBC.

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## LEGAL REF: A.R.S.

15-116 Public schools; fees; waiver; prohibition

15-342: Discretionary Powers

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<u>15-724: Purchase of high school textbooks, subject matter materials and</u> <u>supplementary books; budget; rental</u>

<u>15-727: Care and issue of textbooks, subject matter materials, supplementary books</u> and instructional computer software

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43-1089 Credit for contributions to school tuition organization

43-1089.01: Tax credit; public school fees and contributions; definitions

43-1089.03: Credit for contributions to certified school tuition organization

CROSS REF:

DBC – Budget Planning, Preparation, Schedules

DBC-R – Budget Planning, Preparation, Schedules

DKB – Salary Deductions

EDBA – Maintenance and Control of Instructional Materials