

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUCSON UNIFIED</b> SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>POLICY REGULATION</b></p>	REGULATION TITLE: Student Fees, Fines and Charges
	CODE: JQ – R2

Areas where fees may be charged include, but may not be limited to:

- Optional extracurricular activities which are defined as any optional, noncredit, educational or recreational activity that supplements the education program of the school, whether offered before, during, or after regular school hours.
- Optional programs conducted when school is not in session.
- Fine arts courses (high school only).
- Vocational education courses (high school only).
- Other courses, fees for optional services, equipment, and materials offered to the students beyond those required to successfully complete the basic requirements of the course (high school only).

Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-342, a school district may charge fees for the activities described above if:

- The fees are reasonable.
- The fees do not exceed the actual costs of the activities, programs, services, equipment, or materials.
- A notice of the proposed fees is given to all parents of students enrolled at schools in the District *before* the Governing Board acts to adopt fees.
- The fees are then adopted by the Governing Board.
- The Governing Board includes in its action a grant of authority to the principals to waive the assessment of all or a part of any fee if it creates an economic hardship for a specific student.
- No fees are charged for students' access to or use of computers or related materials.

Schools may impose the following sanctions against students for non-payment of fees, charges and tuition:

- Denial of right to obtain a yearbook;
- Denial of participation in extracurricular activities;
- Denial of registration in elective courses (if courses or hours are not required for graduation);
- Suit against the parents or guardians.

Schools may impose other sanctions which do not interfere with a resident student's right to attend a common school. Schools may not withhold grade cards and transcripts as a sanction for non-payment of fees.

### **Fee Waivers**

Fees may be waived at the discretion of the site administrator for students who qualify under any of the following conditions:

- The family's income does not exceed the statewide defined standard (i.e., the student is eligible for free or reduced lunch under federal law);
- The family is receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) or Nutrition Assistance Program benefits;
- The student was placed in the home by the government as a foster student or is otherwise in state custody; or
- Assessment of the fee will create an economic hardship for the student and/or their family.

All fee waiver requests must be handled confidentially and without placing undue burden on the student or family.

Upon approval of the fee waiver, all fees associated with those selected activities will be waived for the school year the request is made.

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