



Policy: Student Fees
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Fees fall into two categories: mandatory fees and voluntary fees.

- Mandatory fees cover the actual cost of expendable books and supplies necessary for the MacLaren academic program such as novels, science supplies, and art supplies.
- Voluntary fees are collected as part of participation in an activity in a school-sponsored activity or program not within the academic program.

Some activities may be mandatory for some students and voluntary for others, such as summer school. When invitation to activities are posted, the School will clearly communicate which category applies in the situation at hand.

Families for whom fees are a financial hardship should speak to the Head of School about the possibility of payment plans or other ways to alleviate the hardship.

Mandatory fees shall be waived for indigent students. For purposes of determining if a student is able to pay, an indigent student is defined as any child who is eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the federal poverty income guidelines.

If a non-indigent student needs to replace an item necessary for the academic program (such as a flash drive or student planner), the student shall be charged the full price for the replacement. These items need to be purchased through the school to maintain uniformity in the classroom.

Voluntary fees shall be posted on a sliding scale (full fee/reduced lunch fee/free lunch fee). Again, we will work with all families on an individual basis if the fee is a financial burden. The School will make every effort to be sure no student is denied the right to participate in field trips or other enrichment activities because of lack of funds.

Fees collected under the policy shall be expended only for the purpose of covering the cost of the identified books and supplies or activity. MacLaren shall maintain a complete list of such fees, explaining if the fee is mandatory or voluntary and how the amount of each fee was derived. This list shall be updated annually as needed and posted on the school website. Annual updates shall be adopted by the Board.

Fees shall also include a reasonable rental fee for non-expendable textbooks. This fee shall be waived for indigent students.

Sources:

C.R.S. 22-32-110(1)(p) (Pupils required to possess suitable supplies)

C.R.S. 22-32-117 (Fees)

See also:

C.R.S. 22-32-109(1)(u) (Textbooks to be provided for free to indigent children)

C.R.S. 22-32-110(1)(o) (Textbooks for free or reasonable rental fee)