

CSBA Sample Administrative Regulation

Business and Noninstructional Operations

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FEES AND CHARGES

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 350, districts may charge fees only when specifically authorized by law. The following list specifies fees currently authorized by law **and should be revised to reflect the types of fees that have been approved by the Governing Board; see the accompanying Board policy.** Other permissible fees may exist and be identified in the future. **For further information about fees and charges, see the California Department of Education's (CDE) Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02, Fees, Deposits and Other Charges.**

Pursuant to Education Code 49011, a district is prohibited from requiring a student to pay fees or charges in order to participate in an educational activity. A complaint alleging the unauthorized charging of student fees may be filed in accordance with the uniform complaint procedures; see the accompanying Board policy and BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. Districts with questions as to whether a particular fee may be charged should consult with legal counsel.

When approved by the Governing Board, the Superintendent or designee may impose a fee for the following: (5 CCR 350)

1. Insurance for athletic team members, with an exemption providing for the district to pay the cost of the insurance for any team member who is financially unable to pay (Education Code 32221)

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

2. Insurance for medical or hospital service for students participating in field trips and excursions (Education Code 35331)

Note: In its Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02, the CDE interprets Education Code 35330 as permitting the district, at its discretion, to charge fees for any field trip, provided that no student is prevented from participating in a field trip due to a lack of funds. However, Education Code 35330 prohibits the use of district funds or district transportation allowances for an out-of-state field trip, and thus the district must charge participating students a fee for such trips and/or use non-district funds such as donations from a parent-teacher or community organization, education foundation, or school fundraiser specifically designated for this purpose.

3. Expenses of students' participation in a field trip or excursion **within the state or** to another state, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country, as long as no student is prohibited from making the field trip due to lack of funds (Education Code 35330)

(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)

4. Student fingerprinting program, as long as the fee does not exceed the actual costs associated with the program (Education Code 32390)

(cf. 5142.1 - Identification and Reporting of Missing Children)

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5. School camp programs in outdoor science education, conservation education, or forestry operated pursuant to Education Code 8760-8774, provided that the fee is not mandatory and no student is denied the opportunity to participate for nonpayment of the fee (Education Code 35335)

(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)

Note: Education Code 17551 permits the district to sell to a student any nonperishable property of the district which has been fabricated by the student, as provided in item #6 below. **California Department of Education (CDE)** Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02 clarifies that this cost applies to materials the student will take home for his/her own possession and use, such as wood shop, art, or sewing projects.

6. Reimbursement for the direct cost of materials provided by the district to a student for the fabrication of nonperishable personal property the student will take home for his/her own possession and use, such as wood shop, art, or sewing projects kept by the student (Education Code 17551)
7. Home-to-school transportation and transportation between regular, full-time day schools and regional occupational centers, programs, or classes, as long as the fee does not exceed the statewide average nonsubsidized cost per student and exemptions are made for indigent and disabled students (Education Code 39807.5)

(cf. 3250 - Transportation Fees)

8. Transportation for students to and from their places of employment in connection with any summer employment program for youth (Education Code 39837)
9. Deposit for school band instruments, music, uniforms, and other regalia which school band members take on excursions to foreign countries (Education Code 38120)

Note: Education Code 17453.1 permits the district to sell or lease Internet appliances or personal computers to students as provided in item #10 below. CDE Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02 defines "Internet appliance" as a technological product that allows connection or access to an online educational network and clarifies that Internet appliances and personal computers are deemed supplemental and not an essential part of a district's educational program.

10. Sale or lease of **Internet appliances or personal computers or of Internet appliances that allow a person to connect to or access the district's educational network, for the purpose of providing access to the district's educational computer network, provided that the items are sold or leased to parents/guardians** at no more than cost, as long as

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and the district provides network access for families who cannot afford it (Education Code 17453.1)

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

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11. **Fees for any An adult education or secondary school** community service class in civic, vocational, illiteracy, health, homemaking, and technical and general education, not to exceed the cost of maintaining the class (Education Code 51810, 51815)

(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

12. Eye safety devices worn in courses or activities involving the use of hazardous substances likely to cause injury to the eyes, when being sold to students and/or teachers or instructors to keep and at a price not to exceed the district's actual costs (Education Code 32033)

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)

13. Actual cost of furnishing copies of any student's records, except that no charge shall be made for furnishing up to two transcripts or two verifications of a former student's records or for reproducing records of a student with a disability when the cost would effectively prevent the parent/guardian from exercising the right to receive the copies (Education Code 49065, 56504)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

14. Actual costs of duplication for reproduction of the prospectus of school curriculum or for copies of public records (Education Code 49091.14; Government Code 6253)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)
(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

15. Food sold at school, subject to free and reduced-price meal program eligibility and other restrictions specified in law (Education Code 38084)

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Funds)
(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)
(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

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16. As allowed in law, replacement cost or reimbursement for lost or **willfully** damaged district books, supplies, or property, or for district property loaned to a student that he/she fails to return (Education Code 19910-19911, 48904)

(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)

17. Tuition for district school attendance by an out-of-state or out-of-country resident (Education Code 48050, 48052, 52613; 8 USC 1184)

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(cf. 5111.2 - Nonresident Foreign Students)

18. Adult education books, materials, transportation, and classes, except that no fee may be charged for classes in elementary subjects, **or classes** for which high school credit is granted when taken by a person who does not hold a high school diploma, or, **effective July 1, 2015,** classes in English and citizenship (Education Code 39801.5, 52612, 60410)

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

19. Preschool and child care and development services, in accordance with the fee schedule established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, unless the family qualifies for subsidized services or the program is for severely disabled children and the student is eligible to enroll in it (Education Code 8239, 8250, 8263)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 8422 and 8482.6, as amended by AB 2615 (Ch. 470, Statutes of 2016), districts are permitted to charge family fees for participation in After School Education and Safety (ASES) programs, 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC), and 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens programs, as long as fees are waived or reduced for families with students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. In regard to ASES and 21st CCLC, commencing July 1, 2017, no fees may be charged if the district knows the student is a homeless youth or in foster care.

20. ~~After School Education and Safety Programs as long as no eligible student is denied the ability to participate because of inability to pay the fee~~ **Participation in a before-school or after-school program that is funded as an After School Education and Safety (ASES) program, 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC), or 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens program, provided that fees are waived or reduced for families with students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals and, in regard to ASES and 21st CCLC programs, fees are not charged if the district knows the student is a homeless or foster youth** (Education Code **8422,** 8482.6)

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(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

Note: In Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02, the CDE lists **Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate examination fees** item #21 below as permissible. ~~Districts with questions concerning this item should consult legal counsel. Some districts choose to reduce the cost of the fees for low-income students through the use of district funds or other funding sources; see BP 6141.4 - International Baccalaureate Program and BP 6141.5 - Advanced Placement.~~

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21. Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Diploma examinations for college credits, as long as the examination is not a course requirement and the results have no impact on student grades or credits in the course

(cf. 6141.4 - International Baccalaureate Program)
(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)

Note: In its Addendum to Fiscal Management Advisory 12-02 issued in October 2013, the CDE clarifies that a district that requires its students to wear a cap and gown as a condition for their participation in the high school graduation ceremony may not require such students to purchase the cap and gown. CDE recommends that such districts provide the graduates with a cap and gown for their use at the graduation ceremony and inform them that those interested may purchase a cap and gown from a vendor.

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