



## **STUDENT FEES**

**POLICY #: F-5**

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### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board, through shared and committed leadership, recognizes its responsibility to support all stakeholders in our Catholic community implementing consistent and transparent practices that cultivate equity and inclusion.

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board supports every student's right to attend a school, where the student is a qualified resident pupil, without payment of a fee.

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board will make every effort to ensure that all students have every opportunity to access all programs and activities offered. The dignity of every student and parent/guardian will be honoured in the collection of fees.

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board and its schools may choose to offer programming and materials beyond what is necessary to meet the learning expectations of a particular grade or course. These opportunities may be subject to an additional fee.

The Director of Education will issue Administrative Guidelines in support of this policy.

## APPENDIX A

Note: The following examples included are not intended to be a comprehensive list.

### Examples of Activities, Programs or Materials *Ineligible* for Fee Charges

- A registration or administration fee for students enrolled in any regular day school program;
- A textbook fee or deposit;
- Learning materials that are required for completion of the curriculum such as workbooks, musical instruments, science supplies, lab material kits and safety goggles;
- Fees charged for the creation of discretionary accounts by teachers or departments;
- Mandatory flat fees for any course leading to graduation other than optional programming;
- A fee for a guest speaker, visiting teacher, or in-class educational excursion or presentation where the material being presented is a mandatory element of the subject or course;
- Items that are funded through the allocated budget of a school board including, but not limited to learning materials necessary to meet learning expectations such as computers, workbooks, textbooks, staff development and training costs; or
- Learning materials that are required to meet the learning expectations of the course, but are consumed by the pupil and cannot be used again by another student in the next semester, e.g. a chemical used in a chemistry experiment.

### Examples of Activities, Programs or Materials Potentially *Eligible* for Fee Charges

- Optional programming such as, Advanced Placement courses;
- Co-instructional trips, events or activities that are extensions to the curriculum and not required for graduation (e.g. dances, school clubs, theme days, athletics, drama, student council activities);
- Extended student trips or excursions that are not necessary to meet the learning expectations of a particular grade or course (e.g. trips abroad);
- Optional art or music supplies or higher quality woodworking, design or technology materials that students choose to use for course completion, as long as the required materials are available at no cost;
- Student activity fees;
- Co-instructional activities, special events, program enhancements or educational excursions (e.g. for costs of participation, rental of equipment or travel), if alternative programming and assignments are offered to students who choose not to participate; or
- Student agendas and/or yearbooks.