

# Policy No. II-47

<b>Co-Curricular Activities</b>	
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<del>Associated Policies &amp; Procedures</del> <a href="#">VI-57 Fees for Learning Materials, Program, Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities</a> <a href="#">V-04 School Fundraising Activities</a> <a href="#">VI-59 School Fundraising Activities</a> <a href="#">VI-05 Secondary School Cafeteria Commissions</a>	

## Purpose

To provide direction to Principals, based on the Education Act, regarding the provision of learning materials, programs, curricular and co-curricular activities.

## Application and Scope

This policy applies to all schools within the Huron-Clinton District School Board (HCDSB) and the provision of learning materials, programs, curricular and co-curricular activities.

## References

Education Act

Learning Materials and Activities at School

Where students choose not to access these enhanced programs or materials, alternatives must be available so that all students are able to meet the learning expectations of the curriculum and to be provided with resources.

Optional programming, activities or activities that students normally choose to attend through an application process, with the knowledge that these programs are beyond the core curriculum. Examples may include Advanced Placement® (AP), International Baccalaureate® (IB).

## Principles

Every student has the right to attend a school where they are a qualified resident student without payment of a fee (*Section 32(1) Education Act*).

When a student chooses to access enhanced or optional programming, parents/guardians may be asked to contribute resources in the form of time or money to help fund the program.

The school principal is responsible for ensuring that the materials required to meet the expectations of the curriculum are available to all students. The school principal is not charged for learning resources that are required for the delivery of a program or course.

The school may only charge reasonable fees which are in compliance with the *Education Act* and its regulations. The school may offer financial assistance to students who are unable to pay for fees to assist students with limited financial means.

The school's policies and procedures must be consistent with HCDSB's Mission and Values.

Fees are charged for school programs and activities that are not part of the public function of education.

Each student should have an equal opportunity to benefit from the education system without being required to pay a fee. Students must be able to participate in school activities and access resources regardless of financial barriers.

The dignity of every student and parent/guardian should be maintained throughout the collection process, collection methods should be reasonable and appropriate of charges for students and parents/guardians, and a respectful practice for discreet identification of students/parents/guardians who may be experiencing financial hardship is clearly communicated.

## Requirements

### School Activity Fees:

#### Regular Day School

The only educational fee is at the beginning of a school year, term or semester or for an activity or experience sponsored by the school.

Students in the regular day school program.

Fees may be levied for the purchase of materials or where purchasing the material is optional. Enhanced Programming and Materials include but are not limited to higher quality woodworking, design or tech materials.

The Principal must review all proposed optional charges from the proposed activity for such optional charges in any publication.

The P for students and parents/guardians and develop and communicate clearly criteria for the direct identification of students (parents/guardians) who are experiencing financial hardship.

Fees may not be charged for a textbook or a textbook deposit or a workbook used as a textbook.

not to participate in an optional field trip, alternative assignments must be provided in order for the student to meet the expectations of the course.

Student activity fees may be charged for optional field trips, school dances or theme days. These fees are voluntary and parents are not required to pay.

The P student activity fees.

School Principals will endeavour to ensure that all families and students are explicitly aware that student activity fees are voluntary.

trained staff. Schools may charge fees for instruction in a foreign language or for the use of a student in international education, student magazines and its activities and for the use of a student in international language student register.

No student will be denied access to any course based on an inability to pay a course/program fee or will be denied access to any course based on an inability to pay a course fee.

No student will be denied access to any course, or the use of the library and any related online resources, for failure to pay student activity fees.

