

STUDENT FEES, FINES AND CHARGES

The Board recognizes the need for student fees to fund certain MESD activities which are not funded by local, state or federal resources.

~~It also recognizes that some students may not be able to pay these fees.~~

No student will be denied an education because of his/her inability to pay supplementary charges. However, no student is exempt from charges for lost or damaged books, locks, materials, supplies and equipment.

All student fees and charges, both optional and required, will be listed and described annually in the student handbook, or in some other written form, and distributed to each student. Students will be advised of the due dates for such fees and charges as well as of possible penalties for failure to pay them.

In accordance with the law and MESD policy, certain restrictions and/or penalties may be imposed until such fees, fines or charges are paid. Students or parents will receive written notice at least 10 days in advance of any restrictions and/or penalties to be imposed until the debt is paid. The notice will include the reason the student owes money to the MESD, an itemization of the fees, fines or damages owed and the right of parents to request a hearing. The MESD may pursue the fees, fines or damages through a private collection agency or other method available to the district. The MESD may waive fees, fines and charges if the student or parents cannot pay, the payment of the debt could impact the health and safety of the student or if the cost of collection would be more than the total collected or there are mitigating circumstances, as determined by the superintendent.

Education records shall not be withheld for student fees, fines and charges if requested in circumstances described in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 326.575 and applicable rules of the State Board of Education or such records are requested for use in the appropriate placement of a student.

Prior to collection of debts, the superintendent will ensure that notice has been provided as required by ORS 339.270.

END OF POLICY

Legal References:

ORS 326.565
ORS 326.575
ORS 339.115
ORS 339.155
ORS 339.260
ORS 339.270

MESD Cross Reference:

ECAB – Vandalism/Malicious Mischief/Theft
JO - Education Records