

Minidoka County School District

Student Fee Recommendation

June 18, 2018

The following guidelines and rationale are being proposed to bring consistency on how the District assesses fees into the future.

Student Supplies

Where possible, classroom sets of '**non-consumable use**' items (rulers, scissors, calculators, protractors, etc.) should be purchased by the school and distributed to students at the beginning of the year and collected when they leave. Some of these will need to be replaced each year.

The District should provide non-educational '**community use**' items (tissues, wipes, etc.)

Items on student supply lists must be for '**consumable or personal use**' by students. The definition of 'consumable use' is: the entire item will be used by the student through the course of the school year. Quantities should be reasonable for what will be consumed through the year. Examples of 'consumable use' items are: pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, highlighters, dry erase markers, paper, notebooks, folders, etc. Personal use would apply to students providing their own earbuds or headphones (because of sanitary concerns) and backpacks.

NOTE: If a specific supply is required for students to complete a project or assignment (four specific colors of highlighters vs. a highlighter, specific color folders, etc.) the school will be required to supply it.

Schools can ask for **donations** of 'community use' or 'consumable use' items (tissues, wipes, binders, folders, pencils, crayons, etc.) as long as they don't expect donations or keep track of who has donated what. A donation would also be the best way to collect Kindergarten fees

Field Trip / Activity Fees

Field trip and Activity fees are for activities above and beyond normal educational requirements and therefore can be assessed. These fees typically help defray the costs of transportation, venue entrance fees, dances, assemblies and other added opportunities for students.

They should be reasonable and scholarships or waivers should be made available through PTO donations or other sources, especially for those students who may have trouble paying the fees.

Course Fees

Course fees for which a student gets a grade that leads to graduation should not be charged except for the following conditions:

1. The fee is for materials for a project that is above and beyond the minimum requirements to pass the course.
2. The fee is for activities off campus activities that are an enhancement to normal educational requirements: bowling, life sports, special foods, etc.
3. The fee is to help pay for materials for a dual credit course or a certification test beyond the high school course requirements.
4. The fee is for the rental or purchase of uniforms, clothing or musical instruments that would primarily be used by only one student during the year.
5. The fee is for safety in the upkeep and maintenance of equipment used by students.

Extracurricular Fees

Fees to participate in sports, clubs, student associations, conference attendance and costs associated with various events are permitted.