

**FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION****Business
FEES AND CHARGES**

The County Superintendent and County Board recognize their responsibility to ensure that books, materials, equipment, supplies, and other resources necessary for student participation in the educational program are made available to students at no cost.

No student shall be required to pay a fee, deposit, or other charge for participation in an educational activity which constitutes an integral fundamental part of the educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities. (Education Code 49010, 49011; 5 CCR 350)

As necessary, the County Superintendent may approve fees, deposits, and other charges which are specifically authorized by law. When approving such fees, deposits, or charges, establishing fee schedules, or determining whether waivers or exceptions should be granted, the County Superintendent shall consider relevant data, including the socioeconomic conditions of students' families and their ability to pay.

The prohibition against student fees shall not prevent the County Superintendent or designee from soliciting for donations, conducting fundraising activities, or providing prizes or other recognition for participants in such activities and events. The County Superintendent or designee shall emphasize that participation of students, parents/guardians, employees, volunteers, or educational or civic organizations in such activities and events is voluntary. The County Superintendent shall not offer or award to a student any course credit or privileges related to educational activities in exchange for voluntary donations or participation in fundraising activities by or on behalf of the student. The County Superintendent also shall not remove or threaten to remove from a student any course credit or privileges related to educational activities, or otherwise discriminate against the student, due to a lack of voluntary donations or participation in fundraising activities by or on behalf of the student.

The County Superintendent or designee may provide information or professional development opportunities to administrators, teachers, and other personnel regarding permissible fees.

Complaints

A complaint alleging noncompliance with the prohibition against requiring student fees, deposits, or other charges shall be filed in accordance with the County Superintendent and County Board procedures in BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 49013)

If, upon investigation, the County Superintendent finds merit in the complaint, the County Superintendent shall adopt an appropriate remedy to be provided to all affected students and parents/guardians subject to the procedures established by regulation of the State Board of Education.

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Information related to the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees for participation in an educational activity shall be included in the County Superintendent's annual notification of uniform complaint procedures to be provided to all students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to 5 CCR 4622. (Education Code 49013)

Collection of Debt

The County Superintendent or designee shall, in accordance with law, recover any debt as a result of unpaid permissible student fees. However, the County Superintendent shall not bill a current or former student for accumulated debt, nor take negative action against a student or former student because of such debt, including, but not limited to, any of the following: (Education Code 49014)

1. Denying full credit for any class assignment
2. Denying full and equal participation in any classroom activity
3. Denying access to the library or other on-campus educational facilities
4. Denying or withholding grades or transcripts
5. Denying or withholding a diploma
6. Limiting or barring participation in an extracurricular activity, club, or sport
7. Limiting or excluding the student from participation in an educational activity, field trip, or school ceremony

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Legal References**Education Code**

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| 17453.1 | Sale or lease of Internet appliances or personal computers to parents of students |
| 17551 | Property fabricated by students |
| 19910-19911 | Offenses against libraries |
| 32033 | Eye protective devices |
| 32221 | Insurance for athletic team member |
| 32390 | Voluntary program for fingerprinting students |
| 35330-35332 | Field trips |
| 35335 | School camp programs |
| 38080-38103 | Cafeteria, establishment and use |
| 38120 | Use of school band equipment on excursions to foreign countries |

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- 39801.5 Transportation for adults
- 39807.5 Payment of transportation costs by parents
- 39837 Transportation to summer employment program
- 48050 Residents of adjoining states
- 48052 Tuition for foreign residents
- 48904 Liability of parent/guardian for willful student misconduct
- 49011 Student fees
- 49014 Public School Fair Debt Collection Act
- 49065 Reasonable charge for transcripts
- 49066 Grades; effect of physical education class apparel
- 49091.14 Parental review of curriculum
- 49557.5 Child Hunger Prevention and Fair Treatment Act of 2017
- 51810-51815 Community service classes
- 52612 Tuition for adult classes
- 52613 Nonimmigrant foreign nationals
- 56504 School records; students with disabilities
- 60410 Books for adult classes
- 8239 Preschool and wraparound child care services
- 8250 Child care and development services for children with disabilities
- 8263 Eligibility and priorities for subsidized child development services
- 8422 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens programs
- 8760-8774 Outdoor science, conservation, and forestry programs

California Code of Regulations, Title 5

- 350 Fees not permitted
- 4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures