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5 Student Fees and Fines

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7 Within the concept of free public education, the District will provide an educational program for
8 students as free of costs as possible.
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10 Fees

11 The Board may require fees for actual cost of breakage and for excessive supplies used in
12 commercial, industrial arts, music, domestic science, science, or agriculture courses. The Board
13 may also charge a student a reasonable fee for any course or activity not reasonably related to a
14 recognized academic and educational goal of the District or for any course or activity taking
15 place outside normal school functions. The Board may waive fees in cases of financial hardship.
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17 The Board delegates authority to the Superintendent to establish appropriate fees and procedures
18 governing collection of fees and asks the Superintendent to make annual reports to the Board
19 regarding fee schedules. The Board also may require fees for actual cost of breakage and for
20 excessive supplies used in commercial, industrial arts, music, domestic science, science, or
21 agriculture courses.
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23 Fines

24 The District holds a student responsible for the cost of replacing materials or property that are
25 lost or damaged because of negligence. A building administrator will notify a student and parent
26 regarding the nature of violation or damage, how restitution may be made, and how an appeal
27 may be instituted.
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29 Withholding and Transferring Records for Unpaid Fines or Fees

30 The District may not refuse to transfer files to another district because a student owes fines or
31 fees. The District may not withhold the school schedule of a student because the student owes
32 fines or fees. The district may withhold the grades, diploma, or transcripts of a current or former
33 student who is responsible for the cost of school materials or the loss or damage of school
34 property until the student or the student's parent or guardian pays the owed fines or fees.
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36 In the event a student who owes fines or fees transfers to another school district in the state and
37 the District has decided to withhold the student's grades, diploma, or transcripts from the student
38 and the student's parent or guardian, the District shall:

- 39 1. upon receiving notice that the student has transferred to another school district in the
40 state, notify the 's student's parent or guardian in writing that the school district to which
41 the has transferred will be requested to withhold the student's grades, diploma, or
42 transcripts until any obligation has been satisfied;
43 2. forward appropriate grades or transcripts to the school district to which the student has
44 transferred;
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3. at the same time, notify the school district to which the student has transferred of any financial obligation of the student and request the withholding of the student's grades, diploma, or transcripts until any obligations are met;
4. when the student or the-student's parent or guardian satisfies the obligation, inform the school district to which the student has transferred.

A student or parent may appeal the imposition of a charge for damages to the Superintendent and to the Board.

Legal reference: § 20-1-213 (3), MCA Transfer of school records
 § 20-5-201(4), MCA Duties and sanctions
 § 20-7-601, MCA Free textbook provisions
 § 20-9-214, MCA Fees

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