

**160-5-1-.12 STUDENT FEES AND CHARGES/REQUIRED STUDENT EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS.**

**(1) REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) School systems shall provide instructional materials required to complete each state-funded course; however, school systems may require students to supply paper, pencils, crayons, pens, etc., as long as specific types or brands of materials are not required.

(b) The local board of education shall adopt a list of basic instruments and/or equipment that shall be provided equitably to all students in instrumental music programs.

(c) If a school system requires students to wear special clothing for a state-funded course, such clothing shall not be specific as to color or brand.

(d) The school system shall provide all special safety equipment or protective clothing for any course.

(e) A school system may charge fees for extracurricular activities. Such charges shall not be made a condition of participation or credit in an instructional program. Fees for extracurricular activities that may be charged to students include, but are not limited to, the following.

1. Gate admissions
2. Student publications
3. Graduation fees if participation is not required
4. Activity fees
5. Parking

(f) Fees shall not be charged students for field trips or activities related to a state-funded course as a condition of full participation or credit in the course. Fees may be charged for a course-related enhancement or enrichment activity provided the activity is outside the school day and does not affect credit in the course.

(g) Students may be charged for replacement/repair costs due to loss or abuse of school system property.

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(h) Local units of administration shall not withhold any student record because of nonpayment of fees. However, schools may withhold grade cards, diplomas, or certificates of progress until fees are paid.

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