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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Student Fees and Fines, and Charges

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7 Within the concept of free public education, the District will provide an educational program for students
8 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 commercial,
12 industrial arts, music, domestic science, science, or agriculture courses. The Board may also charge a
13 student a reasonable fee for any course or activity not reasonably related to a recognized academic and
14 educational goal of the District or for any course or activity taking place outside normal school functions.
15 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 regarding
19 fee schedules. The Board also may require fees for actual cost of breakage and for excessive supplies
20 used in commercial, industrial arts, music, domestic science, science, or agriculture courses.

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22 Fines

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

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27 Withholding and Transferring Records for Unpaid Fines or Fees

28 The District may not refuse to transfer files to another district because a student owes fines or fees.

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30 The District may not withhold the school schedule of a student because the student owes fines or fees.

31 The district may withhold the grades, diploma, or transcripts of a current or former student who is
32 responsible for the cost of school materials or the loss or damage of school property until the student or
33 the student's pupil's parent or guardian pays the owed fines or fees.

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35 In the event a student who owes fines or fees transfers to another school district in the state and the
36 District has decided to withhold the student's grades, diploma, or transcripts from the student and the
37 student's parent or guardian, the District shall:

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

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

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4 Legal reference: § 20-1-213 (3), MCA Transfer of school records
5 § 20-5-201(4), MCA Duties and sanctions
6 § 20-7-601, MCA Free textbook provisions
7 § 20-9-214, MCA Fees

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