

BUSINESS**Textbooks/Classroom Materials Fees**

In keeping with the establishment of free public schools by the laws of our state, all resident students shall be entitled to enroll in and attend school without payment of books, supplies or equipment required as part of the required and elective curriculum. School officials may determine the quality of school supplies such as textbooks, paper and pencils that are reasonable for the use of students, and determine the frequency such materials shall be provided.

Students will be charged the full cost of replacing any materials, textbooks or property that are lost or damaged through their negligence. A fee will be charged for damaged materials, textbooks or property not requiring replacement, per building level guidelines.

Students participating in summer courses will be charged textbook deposits which are refundable when the textbook(s) is/are returned. The amount of refund shall be reduced or forfeited if textbooks are lost or damaged through negligence.

Reference:

Michigan Department of Education Memorandum August 22, 2003:

“Guidance Regarding School District Student Fees and Costs.”

State Board of Education Position Statement, March 1972

(www.michigan.gov/mde)

Supreme Court decision *Bond v. Ann Arbor School District (1970)*

Article VIII, Section 3 of the 1963 Constitution

Policy

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