

FINANCE

Policy 602 (previously 802)

Charges for Goods and Services

Section 82 of the School Act states that:

- (1) a board must provide free of charge to every student of school age resident in British Columbia and enrolled in an educational program in a school operated by the board,
 - (a) instruction in an educational program sufficient to meet the general requirements for graduation,
 - (b) instruction in an educational program after the student has met the general requirements for graduation, and
 - (c) educational resource materials necessary to participate in the educational program.

The Board of Education (Richmond) will endeavour to provide a wide range of educational opportunities for all students, including many enriching activities. The Board may charge for goods and services in accordance with Section 82(3) of the School Act. These goods and services are for materials, supplies, equipment and musical instruments intended for a student's personal use and for optional field trips and special events.

The Board will ensure that a schedule of charges approved by the Superintendent or designate is published by the principal of each school, after consultation with staff and the Parent Advisory Council, prior to the beginning of the school year and is provided to students and their parents/legal guardians. The schedule will include all charges known or reasonably predictable at the time of publication. Additional charges that were unknown at the time of publication may be levied with the approval of the principal.

To ensure that charges for goods and services do not become a barrier to student participation in Ministry mandated educational programs, schools will facilitate fair and confidential procedures which will allow participation in activities by students who would otherwise be excluded due to financial hardship.